
RANDOLPH



TOWN REPORT

1904

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, SUPERINTENDING
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS, BOARD OF HEALTH,
TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND, THE TRUSTEES OF THE
TURNER FREE LIBRARY, AND OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904.

RANDOLPH, MASS.
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1904-1905.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

WINTHROP B. ATHERTON. CHARLES H. THAYER. JOHN E. McDONALD.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

JOSEPH T. LEAHY.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JOHN E. McDONALD	Term expires 1905
ROYAL T. MANN	Term expires 1906
REDMOND P. BARRETT	Term expires 1907

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, JOHN E. BRADLEY, D.D.

TRUSTEES OF STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

JOHN E. McDONALD	Term expires 1905
ROYAL T. MANN	Term expires 1906
REDMOND P. BARRETT	Term expires 1907

- WATER COMMISSIONERS.

JAMES B. McDONALD	Term expires 1905
A. HOWARD HOLBROOK	Term expires 1906
D. B. WHITE	Term expires 1907

AUDITORS.

MICHAEL F. CUNNINGHAM. JEREMIAH J. DESMOND.
JOHN B. WREN.

CONSTABLES.

THOMAS FARRELL.	EDWIN FOREST KNIGHT.	JOSEPH H. FOSTER.
FRANK W. HARRIS.	MICHAEL F. SULLIVAN.	JOHN HANEY.
	FRANK J. DONAHOE.	

TAX COLLECTOR.

ARTHUR W. ALDEN.

FENCE VIEWERS.

CHARLES H. COLE. EDWIN M. MANN.
JAMES RILEY.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

JAMES FARDY. HERBERT W. PRATT. OTIS L. SOULE.
JOSEPH T. LEAHY.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CHARLES A. WALES, *Chief*. WILLIAM A. CROAK, *Clerk*.
JAMES E. BLANCHE. DANIEL J. BRENNAN. JAMES W. FARRELL.

SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

TIMOTHY M. O'LEARY.

KEEPER OF LOCKUP.

ARTHUR W. ALDEN.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

FRED W. WHITCOMB, of Holbrook.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.

To the Inhabitants of Randolph:

In presenting this report we desire to call attention to the fact that the financial year closed December 31st, and that the present board coming into office March 8th has been in control less than ten months while having to assume the payment of bills for twelve months. The board has also been called upon to pay bills contracted in 1903 which should have been paid in that year.

There are certain points which we feel should receive special mention. In January and February, 1904, there was an expenditure of \$197.47 more for poor outside of almshouse than during the same period of 1903, and which this board had to pay, although contracted by the previous board; but even with this excess the expenditures on that account for the year, exclusive of the charges for the insane, have been \$663.17 less than the previous year.

In the highway department this board has been called upon to pay \$100 for stone bought in 1903 from the Old Colony Street Railroad and gravel to the amount of \$94.32 bought in the same year. Of the expenditure of \$1,225.46 for snow this board has been responsible for but \$108.94. The street railway tax which goes to this department fell off \$416.42 from the previous year, lessening our working capital by that amount.

The tax rate was reduced \$1.80, and even with that reduction the overlay was \$416.34 against \$251.72 in 1903.

The overdraft this year is \$299.33, accounted for by the item of bank tax voted by the town, but not included in the general appropriation for schools, and also a coal bill paid from the regular town funds which should have come out of the Stetson High School Fund. Even with the above accounts this year's overdraft is but \$299.33 against \$1,076.78 in 1903, and in spite of the fact of the loss from the Street Railway tax of \$416.42 and the payment of bills contracted in previous years.

Feeling that the office system was not what a town of this size should have, an adequate system of filing has been adopted and more complete records of the town's business kept.

Attention is called to the item of abatement of taxes. The item shown in this report, amounting to \$522.85, represents abatements granted by previous boards for the years 1898 and 1899, leaving portions of five years' abatements which have not yet been turned in.

In submitting this report we have aimed to give the inhabitants a fair statement of the condition of the town, and while we may have erred, as we are but human, we have endeavored to conduct the affairs on business principles with the best interests of the town at heart at all times. The board has worked in perfect harmony throughout the term and every action taken has been unanimous.

WINTHROP B. ATHERTON,
CHARLES H. THAYER,
JOHN E. McDONALD,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

VALUATION.

	1903.	1904.	Gain.
Real estate .	\$1,675,300	\$1,690,000	\$14,700
Personal estate .	238,150	305,250	67,100
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	\$1,913,450	\$1,995,250	\$81,800

Value of buildings excluding land . .	\$1,131,900 00
Value of land excluding buildings . .	558,100 00

Appropriations at annual town meeting . .	\$44,376 00
Appropriation for Wales avenue extension .	2,000 00
State tax	1,825 00
State highway tax	69 15
County tax	1,654 46
Overlay, appropriated for abatement of taxes .	416 34
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Total amount to be raised in 1904 . . .	\$50,340 95

Raised on town notes (Wales avenue),	\$2,000 00
Estimated corporation tax	4,480 00
Estimated bank tax	2,019 00
Poll taxes, 1168 at \$2 each	2,336 00
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	10,835 00

Amount to be raised on property . . .	\$39,505 95
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Tax rate, \$19.80 on \$1,000.

Tax on real estate	\$33,462 00
Tax on personal estate	6,043 95
Poll taxes	2,336 00
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Warrant committed to Tax Collector . .	\$41,841 95

Excise tax :

On Old Colony Street Railway Co.	\$943 82
On Norfolk & Bristol Street Railway Co.	35 57
Total tax levy of 1904	<u>\$42,821 34</u>

Population, census of 1900	3993
Number of horses	302
Number of cows	264
Neat cattle other than cows	5
Number of swine	818
dwelling houses	873
acres of land	5535 $\frac{3}{4}$
fowl	1572

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED
BY THE TOWN DECEMBER 31, 1904.

Almshouse property and farm	\$12,000 00
Town Hall and land	18,000 00
One steam fire engine and apparatus	5,500 00
One Babcock extinguisher and apparatus	800 00
Three engine houses and lockup	4,200 00
One hearse	50 00
Ten acres salt marsh	300 00
Land and building, Clark estate	2,000 00
Highway plant	5,000 00
Schoolhouse and land District No. 1	2,000 00
Schoolhouse and land District No. 2	6,000 00
Schoolhouse and land District No. 3	1,800 00
Schoolhouse and land District No. 4	5,750 00
Land District No. 5	200 00
Schoolhouse and land District No. 6	1,600 00

Prescott Schoolhouse and land	.	.	.	\$15,000 00
Turner School fund	.	.	.	1,500 00
Stetson School fund	.	.	.	11,900 00
Turner Free Library building and land	.	.	.	40,000 00
Turner Free Library fund	.	.	.	5,000 00
Turner fund	.	.	.	10,000 00
Turner Free Library	.	.	.	10,000 00
Royal W. Turner Free Library fund	.	.	.	20,000 00
Water Works	.	.	.	162,000 00
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				\$340,600 00

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES FOR 1904.

	Appropriation	Credits.	Total available.	Payments.	Overdrawn.	Unexpended.
Poor in almshouse	\$1,800 00	\$785 07	\$2,585 07	\$2,434 04		\$151 03
Repairs on almshouse	200 00		200 00	143 67		56 33
Poor outside almshouse	2,500 00	41 95	2,541 95	2,998 42	\$456 47	
Poor of other towns				902 44		
Soldiers' relief	500 00	17 00	517 00	324 75		192 25
Soldiers' relief, R. & H.	500 00	189 34	689 34	490 01		199 33
Pay of physicians	300 00		300 00	300 00		
Military aid	200 00	244 00	444 00	366 00		78 00
State aid				3,513 00		
Treasurer's bond	120 00		120 00	120 00		
Decoration soldiers' graves	100 00		100 00	100 00		
Water Commissioners	4,700 00		4,700 00	4,700 00		
Special police	700 00		700 00	675 63		24 37
Town Officers	2,400 00	50 00	2,450 00	2,560 37	110 37	
Tree Warden	100 00		100 00	53 32		46 68
Abatement of taxes	*416 34		416 34	522 85	106 51	
Care of clocks	40 00		40 00	20 00		20 00
Burial indigent soldiers	393 00		393 00	393 00		
Turner Free Library	3,147 00		3,147 00	3,147 00		
Street lighting	200 00		200 00	222 36	22 36	
Lockup	200 00		200 00	82 10		117 90
Board of Health	200 00		200 00	359 85		
Court fees, etc.	125 00	109 48	234 48	359 85	125 37	
Interest	2,400 00	1,229 73	3,629 73	3,253 43		373 30
Reduction town debt	2,480 00		2,480 00	2,480 00		
County tax	1,654 46		1,654 46	1,654 46		
State tax	1,825 00		1,825 00	1,825 00		

State highway tax	69 15	69 15	69 15	65 82
Fire Department	2,261 00	2,195 18	2,195 18	
Fire Department alarm box	150 00	156 69	169 27	
Miscellaneous	1,600 00	1,600 00	1,578 75	21 25
Schools†	12,280 00	14,420 65	14,254 27	166 38
Schools, conveying pupils	80 00	80 00	140 00	
Schools, addition to N. Grammar,	900 00	900 00	933 50	60 00
Highways, snow	1,000 00	1,006 00	1,225 46	33 50
Highways, general repairs	3,000 00	6,039 94	6,232 25	219 46
Wales avenue extension †	2,000 00	2,000 00	2,335 40	192 31
Bank tax for Stetson High School,			140 64	335 40
Totals	\$50,340 95	\$63,045 57	\$1,814 97	140 64
Net amount overdrawn			\$299 33	
				\$1,515 64

* Overlay.

† Including Stetson High School.

‡ Special appropriation raised on town notes.

THE HIGHWAYS.

We found the highways in some places in very poor condition, in fact, some parts of our public thoroughfares had become literally worn out. We felt that it was much better and for the interest of the town to put these streets in order rather than to use the appropriation in constructing a small piece of macadam.

The stone crusher and road roller have not been idle, for we sold to the Old Colony Street Railroad 420 tons of crushed stone and leased the roller to the same parties 33 days. We also leased the roller to the town of Avon for 15 days.

The stone crusher was found to be in rather poor condition. The soil and stones had buried the lower part of the support to the bins, it had become rotted and a new base had to be put in. Early in the season the crusher was started for a trial of its capacity, and after four days, the result not being satisfactory, it was stopped and an examination made. It proved that the Babbitt metal the previous season had been allowed to wear down so that the lower shaft was sprung. A new shaft had to be put in and other repairs made. The platform was also extended, so that time might be saved in dumping stone for crushing. After these improvements were completed the plant was again put in operation, and with practically the same amount of help the capacity was increased about 40 per cent., bringing the cost of the crushed stone to about 97 cents per ton, a price comparing favorably to the cost in other towns.

In past years the water used upon the streets has been taken through the fire hydrants, and the construction of these hydrants is such that the use for this purpose is detrimental to them. We purchased during the year the standards that had been used some years previous and still in position, at a

satisfactory figure, and they proved their worth during the season.

No Superintendent of Streets was appointed, partly because the board was desirous of ascertaining the cost of work and getting closer to the affairs of the department. The men employed have been under foremen in charge of the different jobs. The largest amount of work was done on Union street, which had become badly worn, and upon South Main street from the so-called Cincinnati road to the Avon line, which was in very bad condition. Some very good gravel was found for both of these jobs. A large amount of sidewalk work has also been done, and the summary of this work appears below.

As previously stated, this department suffered a loss from the Street Railway tax of \$416.42, and we have paid back bills of 1903 to the extent of \$194.32.

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Carroll, William H., and others	.	.	\$145 83
Cole, Charles H.	.	.	1 95
Devine, James, and others	.	.	254 53
Fardy, James, repairs	.	.	11 40
Keenan, James	.	.	6 00
Leahy, Michael E., and others	.	.	166 96
Mahady, William, and others	.	.	138 54
Marcellie, John C.	.	.	2 25
Riley, James, and others	.	.	189 28
Stetson, Frank E., and others	.	.	185 05
Sheehan, John, and others	.	.	8 80
Town team	.	.	13 37
Woodman, S. B., and others	.	.	101 50
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			\$1,225 46

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Due from O. C. St. Ry. Co.	6 00
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	\$1,006 00
Overdrawn, \$219 46	

SCRAPING AND SPRING REPAIRS.

Paid Barry, James, labor	\$25 00
Barry, William C., labor	24 50
Blythe, James, Jr., labor	8 00
Cole, Charles H., labor and team	52 50
Collins, John J., labor and team	16 20
Cullen, Frank H., labor	16 00
Duff, Thomas, labor	27 00
Dunn, John, labor	26 00
Doonan, Charles F., labor	16 00
Dore, William G., labor	14 00
Dear, William, labor	8 00
Good, Michael, labor	20 00
Gill, William, labor	19 75
Harty, Thomas, labor	24 50
Harris, John, labor	15 50
Holbrook, Martin, labor	20 62
Heney, Charles L., labor	10 00
Johnson, George M., labor	28 00
Linnehan, Nicholas, labor	26 00
Leahy, Michael E., labor and team	73 13
Mahady, William, labor and team	47 75
McGrane, John B., labor	24 50
Manning, John T., labor	31 50
McMahon, Edward J., labor	16 00
Riley, James, labor and team	73 13
Sheehan, John, labor	26 50

Paid Town team	\$20 63
Welch, James, labor	20 00
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	\$730 71

HIGHWAYS, GENERAL REPAIRS.

Paid Barry, James, labor	\$149 50
Blanche, Charles F., care of lanterns	1 00
Barry, William C., labor	101 35
Blythe, James, Jr., labor	1 00
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., supplies	4 40
Campbell, Henry, painting signs	5 50
Clark, S. Melvin, labor	132 75
(Part refunded by O. C. St. R. R.)	
Cole, Charles H., labor and team	182 74
Crowley, Michael, labor	40 80
Collins, John J., labor and team	49 00
Carroll, James, labor and team	52 50
Dear, William, labor	7 00
Dyer, Albert, labor	2 00
Doonan, Charles F., labor and team	74 80
Dunn, John, labor	121 00
Duff, Thomas, labor	119 75
Doyle, John, labor and team	11 20
Donahoe, Thomas, labor	22 00
Dyer, James M., labor and team	10 50
Dore, William G., labor	5 00
Ellis, Fred E., drain pipe, on account 1903,	16 20
Ford, Michael, labor	4 00
French, George F., labor	16 00
Fardy, James, labor and supplies	12 88
Good, Michael, labor	51 60
Gill, William, labor	99 35
Gill, John F., labor	51 75
Hill, C. D., supplies	5 52

Paid Harris, John, labor	\$92 75
Harty, Thomas, labor	92 75
Hayes, Andrew E., labor and team	63 00
Holbrook, M., labor	7 00
Hayden, F. W. & Co., supplies	10 72
Johnson, George M., labor	182 37
Jones, James M., labor	34 00
Kent, J. D., labor	45 60
Knight, Edwin F., labor and team	33 25
Lyons, Timothy, street sprinkling	375 00
Lyons, C. Fred, supplies	1 60
Leahy, Michael E., coal for roller	13 20
Leahy, Michael E., labor and team	141 78
Linnehan, Nicholas, labor	108 35
Langley, Frank H., labor and supplies	24 85
McAllister, George D., labor	24 00
McCarthy, John J., labor	10 00
Meaney, John, labor and team	90 56
Mann, Seth, 2d, rent of land	30 00
Mahady, William, labor and team	305 45
McGrane, John B., labor	92 35
Mann, M. Frank, labor and team	90 56
McLeod, Thomas R., labor and team	32 06
Mann, W. Leon, labor and team	58 20
McMahon, Thomas, labor	7 00
Nelson, A., labor	33 25
Nichols, Charles H., teams	29 65
O'Brien, R. E., supplies	7 64
Paul, H. L., labor	35
Pool, Wesley C., labor and team	7 00
Patten, Thomas F., labor	8 00
Stetson, Frank E., labor and team	13 47
Sheehan, John, labor	177 00
Scanlon, Maurice, labor and team	67 02

Paid Town team	\$121 42
Taylor, George F., labor	121 40
Towns, Augustus J., sprinkler hydrants	90 00
Taylor, William H., labor	18 75
Wales, John T., labor and team	59 06
Walworth Manufacturing Co., supplies	7 90
Wilkinson, John, labor	14 00
Watson, Roy, labor	7 00

PAID FOR GRAVEL.

Paid Carroll, James	\$1 20
Collins, Michael J.	4 34
Dyer, James M.	3 22
Doonan, Charles F.	80 80
Ford, Michael	22 12
Hayden, I. Willie	1 47
Lynch, William J.	1 12
Pierce, Mrs. Philip (account of 1903)	23 94
Stetson, Lincoln (account of 1903)	30 38
Stetson, Lincoln (account of 1904)	9 43
Smith, Mary L. (account of 1903),	23 80
Smith, Mary L. (account of 1904),	29 54
Wales, John, estate	115 50
Wales, Charles A.	1 89
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	348 75
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	\$4,449 15

SIDEWALKS.

Paid Barry, James, labor	\$11 00
Barry, William C., labor	43 40
Cole, Charles H., labor and team	95 45

Paid Collins, John J., labor and team . . .	\$7 00
Crowley, Michael, labor . . .	1 20
Donahoe, Thomas, labor . . .	1 00
Dear, William, labor . . .	3 00
Dunn, John, labor . . .	9 50
Duff, Thomas, labor . . .	6 00
Doonan, Charles F., labor and team . . .	2 45
Doyle, John, labor and team . . .	53 55
Devine, James F., labor and team . . .	47 25
Good, Michael, labor . . .	16 40
Gill, William, labor . . .	6 40
Holbrook, M., labor . . .	1 00
Johnson, George M., labor . . .	10 00
Kent, James D., labor . . .	6 40
Leahy, Michael E., labor and team . . .	12 10
Linnehan, Nicholas, labor and team . . .	44 40
Mahady, William, labor and team . . .	22 38
McGrane, John B., labor . . .	40 40
McLeod, Thomas R., labor and team . . .	3 50
McAllister, George D., labor . . .	2 00
Patten, Thomas F., labor . . .	2 00
Sheehan, John, labor . . .	11 00
Scanlon, Maurice E., labor and team . . .	2 10
Town team . . .	3 00
Watson Roy, labor . . .	1 00

GRAVEL.

Paid Alden, Clara . . .	\$5 04
Lynch, William J. . .	2 52
Powderly, Thomas, estate . . .	19 00
Smith, Mary L. . .	6 65
Wales, Charles A. . .	7 42
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	40 63
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	\$505 51

STONE CRUSHER PLANT.

Paid Barry, William C., labor	\$7 50
Barry, James, labor	26 50
Barrett, William F., weighing stone . .	36 00
(Refunded by O. C. St. Ry. Co.)	
Black, A. B., repairs	4 00
Duff, Thomas, labor	26 50
Dunn, John, labor	26 25
Darling, H. M. & Co., supplies	7 76
Eagle Oil and Supply Co., supplies . .	6 00
Fardy, James, supplies	5 79
Johnson, George M., labor	26 50
Linnehan, Nicholas, labor	7 50
Leahy, Michael E., coal	41 28
Langley, Frank H., repairs	4 40
Mahady, William, labor	58 97
McLeod, Thomas R., labor	16 25
O'Brien, R. E., repairs	5 97
Phillips, W. P., repairs	3 50
Riley, James, stone	3 24
Sheehan, John, labor	33 50
Town team	5 63
Taylor, George F., repairs	119 90
Taylor, William H., labor	24 10
Taylor, William H., labor	39 15
(Refunded by Avon.)	
Walworth Mfg. Co., repairs	10 69
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	\$546 88

SUMMARY.

Paid for scraping and repairs	\$730 71	
General repairs	4,449 15	
Sidewalks	505 51	
Crusher plant	546 88	
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Town appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Received from O. C. St. Ry Co.	642 06	
From Town of Avon	187 50	
From H. F. French, for stone,	2 00	
On account watering streets,	125 00	
Excise tax, O. C. St. Ry. Co.,	943 82	
Excise tax, Norfolk & Bristol		
St. Ry Co.	35 57	
Street Railway tax*	1,103 99	
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Overdrawn, \$192 31		

WALES AVENUE.

In response to a petition signed by a number of tax payers asking that Wales avenue be extended from its westerly terminus to Cross street, the board granted a hearing on the same, and but one person raised a question that could be construed as in the least against it, and later in the hearing this party, after listening to the arguments, stated that the feeling seemed so unanimous that he would offer no objection.

It developed during the hearing that the part of this avenue already constructed and used had never been accepted by the town, and the petitioners were granted further time in order to present a petition to embrace the entire avenue from Main street to Cross street. This was done and a second hearing granted, at which there was not the slightest opposition expressed, and many strongly supported the project. With this spirit manifest, a town meeting was called, and it was unanimously voted to accept the locating and laying out of the proposed street as petitioned for.

Figures on the cost were obtained from a contractor, who signified his willingness to do the work for about \$1900.

*This item is \$416 42 less than received in previous year.

This figure must be taken as being based on contractors' wages and hours. The town voted that the work be done by the town at the wages and time adopted at the annual meeting. The work was done in two sections, the easterly section in charge of William Mahady and the westerly section in charge of Charles H. Cole. A large and hard ledge was found under the surface of the easterly section which required a great deal of blasting. The cost of the ordinary labor of the easterly section was \$1,184.82, and the westerly section \$768.18. The summary of the work follows:

Wales Avenue Extension.

Paid Bowen, John J., labor	\$3 00
Barry, James, labor	61 63
Burdakin, J. H., copies of deeds . .	2 88
Barry, William C., labor	39 63
Clark, Dexter T., surveying	34 50
Cole, Charles H., labor and team . .	72 36
Crowley, Michael, labor	39 63
Collins, John J., labor and team . .	43 75
Carroll, James, labor and team . .	31 50
Donahoe, Thomas, labor	38 63
Dore, William G., labor	12 63
Duff, Thomas, labor	60 63
Dunn, John, labor	51 63
Dear, William, labor	12 00
Doyle, John, labor and team	26 25
Donahoe, Edward J., labor	13 00
Devine, William, labor and team . .	17 50
Devine, James, labor and team . .	40 25
Doonan, Charles, labor and team . .	33 25
Dyer, James M., labor and team . .	21 00
Doonan, Charles J., labor	10 00
French, George F., labor	43 63

Paid Fardy, James, supplies	\$2 30
Gill, William, labor	42 63
Harris, Frank W., serving warrant for town meeting	5 00
Halpin, Michael, labor	43 00
Harty, Thomas, labor	53 63
Holbrook, Morton, labor	50 63
Huxford, Daniel H., printing notices, etc.,	12 50
Heney, Charles L., labor	25 63
Harris, John, labor	14 50
Hayes, Andrew E., labor and team	28 00
Hayden, Frank W. & Co., supplies	12 78
Jones, James M., labor	57 63
Johnson, George M., labor	54 13
Kiley, Thomas, labor	39 63
Langley, Frank H., labor and material . .	29 73
Leahy, Michael E., labor and team	201 90
Linnehan, Nicholas, labor	39 63
Mahady, William, labor and team	108 32
Meaney, John, labor and team	50 63
McGrane, John B., labor	39 63
McAllester, George D., labor	35 13
Mann, Moses F., labor and team	22 75
Nichols, Charles H., team to Stoughton . .	3 00
O'Connell, Michael J., labor	34 63
O'Brien, R. E., drain pipe	74 20
Patten, Thomas F., labor	51 63
Paul, Herbert L., labor and team	30 00
Randolph Water Works, dynamite, etc. . .	16 71
Sheehan, John, labor	57 63
Scanlan, Maurice, labor and team	31 50
Stetson, Francis E., labor and team	46 25
Smith, Mary L., gravel	175 00
Town team	37 23

Paid Thayer, George M., labor	\$26 00
Thayer, Sumner H., labor	20 00
Wilkinson, John, labor	24 00
Welch, James P., labor	18 63
Woodman, S. B., drills, etc. . . .	10 00
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	\$2,335 40

Appropriation, \$2,000 00
 Overdrawn, 335 40

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. ELECTION EXPENSES.

Paid Alden, Arthur W., care of hall	
for meetings	\$48 00
Belcher, Fred L., teller	3 00
Belcher, Edmund K., teller	3 00
Croak, William A., ballot clerk,	6 00
Clark, Michael E., teller	3 00
Campagna, E. W., labor on booths	6 00
Dennehy, Daniel D., election officer	3 00
Donahoe, Frank J., election officer	4 00
Foster, Samuel A., Jr., teller	6 00
Farrell, Thomas, officer	5 00
Huxford, Daniel H., printing	61 75
Hayden, Franklin W., teller	6 00
Hand, Frank J., teller	3 00
Huke, Herbert H., teller	3 00
Harris, Frank W., serving warrants, etc. . . .	17 00

Paid Jaquith, Frank H., teller .	\$6 00
Kiernan, Thomas F., ballot clerk	3 00
Kingsbury, James A., dinners,	37 40
Lyons, Walter H., teller .	3 00
Lyons, Daniel P., teller .	6 00
Leahy, Joseph T., tally sheets,	10 00
McDonald, James B., election officer	3 00
McGrath, Thomas F., teller .	3 00
McMahon, Charles E., teller .	3 00
Makedon, James C., officer .	5 00
Mann, Nelson, teller . .	3 00
Post 110, G. A. R., hall for caucus	1 50
Post 110, G. A. R., on order of moderator	25 00
Quinn, Edward J., teller .	3 00
Rooney, Henry F., officer .	5 00
Shea, James J., teller . .	3 00
Sullivan, Michael F., serving warrants	32 00
Sullivan, William P., voting lists	55 00
Smith, Thomas J., ballot clerk,	3 00
Stetson, Thomas L., ballot clerk,	6 00
Shaw, Herman, teller . .	3 00
Tileston, Frank H., teller .	3 00
Wales, Joseph D., teller .	3 00

 \$402 65

B. POLICE DUTY.

Paid Blythe, James, Jr. . . .	\$11 50
Clark, James B.	7 50
Donahoe, Frank J.	7 50

Paid Dench, Joseph J. . . .	\$7 50
Dean, Clarence H. . . .	5 00
Foster, Joseph W. . . .	7 50
Harris, Frank W., . . .	7 50
Holbrook, Albert H. . . .	7 50
Hayden Costume Co., helmets,	3 50
Jaquith, Frank H. . . .	9 50
Jordan, Preston Z. . . .	7 50
Kenney, Thomas J. . . .	7 50
Kelly, Thomas B. . . .	7 50
Mahoney, Joseph W. . . .	2 50
Mann, Rufus E. . . .	7 50
McGrath, Thomas F. . . .	3 00
O'Halloran, William . . .	3 25
O'Neil, John	1 25
Payne, E. Lawrence . . .	7 50
Sullivan, Daniel J. . . .	4 00
Sullivan, Michael F. . . .	7 50
Stanton, Michael	7 50
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	\$141 00

C. SUNDRY ITEMS.

Paid Alden, Arthur W., care of Se-	
lectmen's room	\$64 00
Adams, Cushing & Foster, sta-	
tionery	2 60
Atherton, Winthrop B., cash	
paid	10 00
Bradford, Edward S., licenses	
and returns	6 50
Barry, James, distributing Town	
Reports	4 00
Burdakin, E. L., transcripts of	
deeds	10 00

Paid Beal, John V., professional services	\$25 00
Barry, W. C., removing building	1 00
Clark, Dexter T., sealing milk jars	28 83
Clark, Dexter T., surveying	7 00
Carter's Ink Co., ink	1 25
Doughty, Charles, estate, lights for Selectmen's room	41 34
Donahoe, Thomas, burying animals	3 00
Eddy, George H., cash paid	3 50
Fardy, James, repairs	3 00
French, Fred A., telephone	6 97
Fletcher, D. B. & Co., stub books	13 00
Fuller, Nathan H., pens	50
Faunce, Minot, burying dog	1 00
Groom, Thomas & Co., tax books	4 25
Hayden, Mary F., typewriting,	75
Howard, Herbert A., postage	27 40
Huxford, Daniel H., printing	418 05
Hobbs & Warren, stationery	4 70
Hayden, F. W. & Co., pencils,	40
Harris Frank W., dog warrant,	20 00
Jones, Griffith, painting fountains	3 00
Lyons, Timothy, expressing, 1903	19 05
Lyons, Timothy, expressing, 1904	20 70
Loring & Howard, curtains	8 00

Paid Lyons, C. Fred, supplies	\$2 43	
Leahy, Joseph T., extra valuation book	25 00	
Leahy, Joseph T., typewriting,	5 00	
Leahy, Joseph T., insurance	86 48	
Leahy, Joseph T., cash paid	27 00	
Mahady, William, distributing Town Reports	7 00	
Mahady, William, burying horse,	5 00	
Mann, Edwin M., wood for Selectmen's room	20 00	
Murphy, Peter B., dog blanks,	4 75	
McDonald, James B., cleaning stoves	3 00	
Nichols, Charles H., expressing,	21 30	
Porter, F., estate, stationery	1 80	
Randall, Howard, damage to team,	3 50	
Thayer, Charles H., cash paid,	23 25	
Thorp & Martin, check books, etc.,	36 80	
Taylor, George F., repairs on bookcase	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,035 10
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Appropriation, \$1,600 00		\$1,578 75
Unexpended, 21 25		

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paid Winthrop B. Atherton	\$400 00
Charles H. Thayer	350 00
John E. McDonald	350 00

TOWN TREASURER.

Paid Joseph T. Leahy	\$300 00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Royal T. Mann	\$100 00
John E. McDonald	100 00
Redmond P. Barrett	100 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid Joseph T. Leahy	\$75 00
James Fardy	50 00
Herbert W. Pratt	50 00
Otis L. Soule	50 00

AUDITORS.

Paid Michael F. Cunningham	\$15 00
John B. Wren	15 00
Jeremiah J. Desmond	15 00

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Charles A. Wales	\$20 00
James W. Farrell	20 00
James E. Blanche	20 00
Daniel J. Brennan	20 00
William A. Croak, Clerk	30 00

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid Arthur W. Alden	\$380 37
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INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

Paid Lincoln Stetson	\$100 00
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\$2,560 37

Appropriation	\$2,400 00	
Refunded by State	50 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,450 00
Overdrawn		\$110 37

This overdraft is accounted for by an amount due the tax collector in 1903.

COURT FEES AND RETURNS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Paid Babbitt, Warren M., returning births	\$0 50	
Chase, Augustus L., returning births	1 75	
Elliott, R. A., returning births,	25	
Farnham, Charles C., returning births	1 75	
Granger, Frank C., account of 1903, returning births . . .	7 50	
Granger, Frank C., account of 1904, returning births . . .	9 25	
Holmes, William F., account of 1903, returning births . . .	3 50	
Holmes, William F., account of 1904, returning births . . .	3 00	
Howard, Frank S., returning death	25	
Houghton, Ralph, returning deaths,	18 50	
Leahy, Joseph T., recording . .	90 25	
Linfield, E. P., returning birth,	25	
Wren, John B., returning deaths,	11 25	
	<u> </u>	\$148 00

Paid Crooker, Walter C., court fees,	\$21 13	
Farrell, Thomas, court fees .	34 64	
Harris, Frank W., court fees .	7 72	
Haney, John, court fees .	31 00	
Jaquith, Frank H., court fees .	31 78	
Knight, Edwin F., court fees,	44 81	
Marden, W. N., court fees .	1 25	
Pinkham, F. S., court fees .	4 02	
Payne, E. Lawrence, court fees,	24 08	
Silvia, M. W., court fees .	11 42	
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		\$359 85
Appropriation	\$125 00	
Court fees refunded	109 48	
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Overdrawn		\$125 37

SPECIAL POLICE.

Paid John Haney	\$675 63
Appropriation, \$700 00	
Unexpended, 24 37	

The constables have reported 59 arrests.
Tramps lodged, 1451.

LOCKUP.

Paid Alden, Arthur W., salary	\$100 00
Alden, Arthur W., supplies	26 75
Doughty, Charles, estate, lights	24 00
Hurley, James F., painting	7 50

Paid Lyons, C. Fred, supplies	\$16 16
Nichols, Charles H., teams	11 45
O'Brien, R. E., repairs	4 90
O'Connell, Michael J., care of prisoner . .	5 50
Smith, Frank T., charcoal	3 60
White, D. B., coal	22 50

\$222 36

Appropriation, \$200 00

Overdrawn, 22 36

CARE OF CLOCKS.

Paid Treasurer First Parish	\$20 00
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Appropriation, \$40 00

Unexpended, 20 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bill (for items, see report of Engineers of Fire Department)	\$2,195 18
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Appropriation, \$2,261 00

Unexpended, 65 82

NEW FIRE ALARM BOX.

Paid sundry bills (for items, see report of Fire Department)	\$169 27
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Appropriation \$150 00

Received from sale of junk 6 69

\$156 69

Overdrawn, \$12 58

REDUCTION OF TOWN DEBT.

Paid note, street loan . . .	\$850 00	
street loan . . .	630 00	
highway plant . . .	500 00	
fire alarm . . .	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,480 00
Appropriation, \$2,480 00		

CONVEYING PUPILS.

Paid Old Colony Street Railway Co. . .	\$140 00
Appropriation, \$80 00	
Overdrawn, 60 00	

BANK TAX FOR STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid Trustees Stetson High School . . .	\$140 64
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The treasurer was instructed by vote of town to pay this amount although it was not included in the sum appropriated for school purposes.

SCHOOLS.

Paid sundry bills (for items, see report of School Committee)	\$14,254 27
Appropriation	\$12,280 00
Received on acc't Tuition	138 00
Superintendent of Schools	500 00
Dog licenses	535 73
Interest on Coddington Fund,	64 00
Income Mass. school fund,	902 92
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Unexpended, \$166 38	\$14,420 65

ADDITION TO NORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid sundry bills (for items, see report of School Committee).	\$933 50
Appropriation, \$900 00	
Overdrawn, 33 50	

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Atherton, Winthrop B.	\$20 00
Cartwright, Walter R.	13 00
Eastern Drug Company	3 05
Estate of F. Porter	60
McDonald, John E.	20 00
Nichols, Charles H.	5 45
Thayer, Charles H.	20 00
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	\$82 10
Appropriation, \$200 00	
Unexpended, 117 90	

STREET LIGHTING.

Paid Estate of Charles Doughty	\$3,147 00
Appropriation, \$3,147 00	

LOCATION OF STREET LIGHTS.

	Arc	75 c. p.	50 c. p.	25 c. p.
North Main	12			5
South Main	4			15
North	2	1	1	23
Plain			1	1
Mill				3
Cottage				4

	Are	75 c. p.	50 c. p.	25 c. p.
Union	1		2	7
South			1	8
Liberty				7
Grove				1
West			2	12
Lafayette			1	8
Tower Hill Square		1		
Cross				3
Warren	1		2	3
Mt. Pleasant Square, Allen and Roel				8
Silver				2
Ward			2	
School and Moulton	1			
Pleasant	1			3
Howard			1	
Fowler				2
Wales Avenue				1
Maple				1
Total	<u>22</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>117</u>

COUNTY TAX.

Paid Charles H. Smith, County Treasurer . \$1,654 46
 Appropriation, \$1,654 46

STATE TAX.

Paid Edward S. Bradford, State Treasurer . \$1,825 00
 Appropriation, \$1,825 00

STATE HIGHWAY TAX.

Paid Edward S. Bradford, State Treasurer	\$69 15
Appropriation, \$69 15	

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Post 110, G. A. R.	\$100 00
Appropriation, \$100 00	

TREASURER'S BOND.

Paid C. D. Fullerton & Co.	\$120 00
Appropriation, \$120 00	

TREE WARDEN.

Paid Royal T. Mann	\$53 32
Appropriation, \$100 00	
Unexpended, \$46 48	

BURIAL OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Paid on account of William H. Thayer	\$35 00
John A. Sylvester	35 00
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	\$70 00
No appropriation. To be refunded by the State.	

INSURANCE ON TURNER LIBRARY.

Paid Treasurer Library Fund	\$393 00
Appropriation, \$393 00	

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Fred M. French, Collector, abatement of taxes of 1898	\$274 33
Fred M. French, Collector, abatement of taxes of 1899	248 52
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	\$522 85
Appropriation (overlay), \$416 34	
Overdrawn, 106 51	

INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

(For items, see report of Treasurer).

Paid Joseph T. Leahy, Treasurer	\$3,253 43
Appropriation	\$2,400 00
Interest on taxes	1,184 55
Interest on deposits	45 18
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	\$3,629 73
Unexpended, \$376 30	

WATER WORKS.

Paid Water Commissioners :

For hydrants, etc.	\$2,000 00
For sinking fund	2,700 00
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	\$4,700 00

Appropriation, \$4,700 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

	Groceries and Provisions.	Fuel.	Rent.	Sundry Items.	Total.
Aid to sundry persons (refunded),		\$9 00			\$9 00
Currie, Hugh, and family . . .	\$14 00	36 89	\$55 00	\$4 00	109 89
Halpin, Michael				32 00	32 00
Lawless, Charles				9 00	9 00
Pierce, Mrs. Philip	104 00				104 00
Sundry persons		47 15		13 71	60 86
	\$118 00	\$93 04	\$55 00	\$58 71	\$324 75

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Aid refunded 1903 account	8 00	
Aid refunded 1904 account	9 00	
		\$517 00
Unexpended, \$192 25		

RELIEF OF SOLDIERS WHOSE MILITARY SETTLEMENT IS IN RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK.

Paid Balcom, Charles H., at Lowell	\$18 00
Blencowe, Mrs. Mehitable	147 00
French, George F.	4 00
Hand, Thomas F., and wife	104 13
Holbrook, Mrs. Elvira	60 00
Leavitt, Lawrence, at Quincy	9 35
Morse, Lysander C.	11 00
Sloan, Mrs. Christiana	88 75
Sylvester, John A., and wife	32 78
Wood, Mrs. William H.	15 00
	\$490 01

Appropriation	\$500 00
Refunded by Holbrook	189 34
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	\$689 34
Unexpended, \$199 33	<hr/>

MILITARY AID (CHAPTER 372, ACTS OF 1899).

Paid Morse, Lysander C.	\$30 00
Mann, John A.	72 00
Thayer, Charles P.	96 00
Tileston, Charles	120 00
Ward, Eugene J.	48 00
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	\$366 00
Appropriation	\$200 00
To be refunded by State	183 00
Refunded by Holbrook	61 00
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	\$444 00
Unexpended, \$78 00	<hr/>

STATE AID (CHAPTER 374, ACTS OF 1899).

Paid sundry persons	\$3,513 00
No appropriation.	
To be refunded by State.	

CASH RECEIVED BY THE SELECTMEN FOR 1904.

LABOR OF TOWN TEAM.

Highways	\$121 42
Crusher	5 63
Removing snow	13 37

Wales avenue	\$37 23	
Scraping	20 63	
Sidewalks	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$201 28

ALMSHOUSE CREDITS.

Sale of produce	\$185 99	
Use of tip-cart	5 00	
Sale of calf	2 00	
Sale of junk	80	
Hire of horse	3 00	
Use of swing drag	2 00	
Board refunded	135 57	
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Aid to outside poor refunded		41 95
Soldiers' relief refunded		17 00
Received on account of street watering		125 00
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		\$719 59

Cash paid Treasurer, \$719 59

THE POOR DEPARTMENT.

This is one of the hardest and most unsatisfactory departments we have to deal with. To see that the town is not imposed upon and at the same time not to allow the truly needy to suffer is no pleasant task. Confronted with an expenditure of over \$300 in January and February, for which this board was not responsible, and a further expenditure to the Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates of \$247, this department has felt the strain, still the expenditures for the year are \$663.17 less than for 1903 exclusive of the insane, which has been assumed by the State. We feel that the money paid to the above-mentioned hospital has been unwisely spent and would advise strongly against any further expenditures in this direction.

Another serious problem is the poor assisted by other towns and whose settlement is in Randolph. We have endeavored to keep these expenditures as close as possible, but we feel that there is still a chance to do more in this direction.

OUR ALMSHOUSE.

We are fortunate in having as superintendent of our poor farm a man whose heart is in his work, and we feel safe in saying that no public institution of its kind is better managed or kept in better condition. The matron is equally competent and efficient.

During the year the roof of the almshouse has been shingled and other needed repairs made. The net expense of the almshouse for 1904 was \$1,590.89.

Largest number supported, 17 ; smallest number, 11.

Number of weeks' board, 492 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Average cost per inmate, \$3.23.

ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Buck, N. E., grain	\$108 41
Beal, John V., services in proving settlement,	35 00
Crossley, William, newspapers	6 05
Carroll, William H., pigs	16 00
Eddy, George H., provisions	104 45
Foster, S. A., Jr., groceries	58 94
Fardy, James, material and repairs	116 19
Foss, George B., veterinary	5 00
Houghton, Ralph, burial of inmate	22 00
Hill, C. D., groceries	55 02
Hayden, B. F., grain and coal	135 10
Hayden, F. W., & Co., groceries	78 77
Keith, James C., horse	200 00
Lyons, C. Fred, groceries	61 09
Leahy, Michael E., labor, seed and fertilizer,	78 25
Langley, Frank H., material and repairs	14 95
Lyons, Timothy, expressing	6 42
McAuliffe & Co., medicine	12 95
McLaughlin, P. H., dry goods	44 84
Mann, Mrs. Rufus E., nursing	6 00
McDonald, James B., repairs	2 17
McAuliffe, R. J., provisions	86 52
Nichols, Charles H., expressing	3 00
O'Leary, Timothy M., salary	500 00
O'Leary, Timothy M., supplies	20 63
O'Connor, Edward, repairing shoes	5 40
O'Brien, R. E., material and repairs	30 06
Paul, Herbert L., ice	23 06
Palmer, J. W., groceries	74 49
Porter F., estate of, medicine	5 65
Randall, Howard, oil	12 50
Randolph Clothing Co., clothing	22 15
Riley, James, dressing hogs	3 00

Paid Reynolds, Wallace S., fish	\$22 74
Reynolds, Herbert F., groceries	56 39
Sullivan, William P., groceries	71 23
Selectmen, cash paid	3 05
Tirrell, B. C., clothing	45 58
Thayer, Eugene, groceries	65 21
White, D. B., coal	206 78
Woodford, Charles A., painting carts . .	9 00
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	\$2,434 04

Appropriation	\$1,800 00
Received from sale of produce	185 99
For use of tip-cart	5 00
Sale of calf	2 00
Sale of junk	80
Hire of horse	3 00
Use of swing drag	2 00
Board refunded	135 57
Refunded by State	249 43
Labor of town team	201 28
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	\$2,585 07
Unexpended, \$151 03	

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

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Stock on hand December 31, 1903	\$2,287 60
Salaries and supplies for 1904	2,434 04
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	\$4,721 64

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Stock on hand December 31, 1904	\$2,345 68
Credits other than appropriation	785 07
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	3,130 75
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Net expense	\$1,590 89

The following is a list of the inmates supported in the Randolph almshouse during the year 1904 :

William A. Doyle	52 2/7 weeks
Bartholomew Gill	52 2/7 "
Timothy Sullivan	52 2/7 "
Emory Holbrook	52 2/7 "
Thomas F. Curran	52 2/7 "
B. Frank Kennedy	52 2/7 "
George W. Averell	52 2/7 "
William P. Fox	14 5/7 "
† Thomas Ward	11 "
* Adelia A. French	9 4/7 "
John C. Moore	48 2/7 "
† Charles Lawless	10 "
‡ Patrick F. Doherty	3/7 "
† Transient boarder (aid refunded)	1 5/7 "
Stillman Orcutt	22 4/7 "
John Hayes	6 4/7 "
† William E. Fox	1 4/7 "
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	492 3/7 "

* Died March 7, 1904.

† Discharged.

‡ Committed to State Farm at Tewksbury.

REPAIRS ON ALMSHOUSE.

Paid George F. Taylor	\$140 00	
Taunton Lumber Co.	3 67	
	<hr/>	\$143 67
Appropriation, \$200 00		
Unexpended, 56 33		

The following is an inventory of the stock on hand at the almshouse December 31, 1904 :

2 pigs	\$20 00
2 cows	80 00
2 horses	300 00
36 fowl	18 00
1 road scraper	75 00
1 two-horse farm wagon	175 00
1 farm wagon	30 00
2 tipcarts	60 00
1 carriage of doubtful value	10 00
2 sets of harness	50 00
1 swing drag	30 00
1 mowing machine	35 00
1 hay rake	23 00
3 tons of hay	60 00
2 gravel screens	8 00
1 two-horse cart	75 00
1 set of double harness	30 00
1 two-horse sled	40 00
1 tool chest	5 00
1 hay cutter	5 00
6 draught chains	12 00
1 carriage harness	5 00
1 grindstone	4 00
3 baskets	1 50
1 peck measure	50
1 cultivator	8 00
2 plows	10 00
1 harrow	5 00
Forks, shovels and hoes	12 00
Iron bars and picks	5 00
1 stone roller	5 00

1 wheelbarrow	\$3 00
2 axes	1 00
1 tobacco cutter	1 00
1 scythe and snath	2 00
Bitstock and bits	3 50
2 hand saws and planes	3 00
8 drills	10 00
1 stone hammer	1 50
13 empty barrels	1 30
1 cord of wood	6 00
15 tons of white ash coal	105 00
6 tons of Franklin coal	54 00
Vegetables	35 00
1 barrel of flour	7 50
5 pounds of lard	60
5 pounds of butter	1 50
25 pounds of sugar	1 50
14 pounds of tea	5 88
5 pounds of coffee	1 00
118 quarts of preserves	15 00
3 pounds of tobacco	1 20
Grain and meal	1 00
20 gallons of kerosene oil	3 00
1 kerosene tank	10 00
100 preserve jars	5 00
4 screen doors	4 00
21 window screens	13 00
2 storm windows	5 00
2 boilers	2 70
1 washtub	75
1 oil stove	1 00
2 wood-saws and horse	3 00
2 clocks	5 00
2 mirrors	2 00

Crockery ware	\$40 00
1 street lamp	5 00
5 cuspidors	2 50
19 iron bedsteads	70 00
4 feather beds	20 00
15 mattresses	45 00
Lamps and lanterns	5 00
15 lamp chimneys	1 00
1 ice chest	35 00
Wooden and tin ware	15 00
49 sheets	20 00
34 blankets	34 00
51 pillow cases	15 00
30 bed spreads	24 00
6 comforters	6 00
57 towels	8 75
5 table cloths	5 00
4 tables	4 00
1 walnut table	3 00
1 extension table	8 00
9 rockers	9 00
44 chairs	12 00
1 wool carpet	25 00
5 brooms and 2 brushes	2 00
2 feather dusters	3 00
1 carpet sweeper	2 50
2 clothes wringers	10 00
2 coal hods and shovels	2 00
1 fire extinguisher	18 00
12 dry fire extinguishers	20 00
200 feet of hose	22 00
1 hospital bed	30 00
8 snow plows	150 00
1 derrick and chains	100 00

1 sleigh	\$5 00
Robe and blankets	5 00
1 lawn mower	5 00
Range and boiler	50 00
Ladders	6 00
1 roll of fence wire	1 00
7 cords of manure	35 00
Supplies, including shirts, stockings, underwear, etc.,	14 00
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	\$2,345 68

POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.
ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF AID RENDERED.

	Groceries and Provisions.	Fuel.	Rent.	Sundry Items.	Total.
Abbott, Alice M.				\$10 00	\$10 00
Ainslee, Julia, and family		\$11 25	\$42 00	81 25	81 25
Aid (refunded)	\$28 00			5 75	5 75
Anderson, Annie E., at Mass. Hospital for Epileptics				169 92	169 92
Bacigalupo, Jennie, and family	150 00	31 38		20 00	201 38
Buckley, Susannah				10 00	10 00
Beyette, John F.	16 00	5 35			21 35
Burke, Mrs. John L.	28 97	24 59	30 00		83 56
Barrows, Lucy A., at Stoughton	147 00	42 98	60 50	1 50	251 98
Carroll, Mrs. William	36 00				36 00
De Forest, Florence, at Brockton				30 00	30 00
Foley, David J., at Boston				12 00	12 00
Fairhurst, Helen A., at State Hospital				73 71	73 71
Fox, William P.				18 25	18 25
Foster, Charles W., at Foxboro				62 68	62 68
Hand, Philip L., at Foxboro				106 32	106 32
Holbrook, Amos L., at Quincy				7 15	7 15
Jones, Lewis	109 76	18 00		19 50	147 26
Kennedy, Mrs. Timothy, at Holyoke				132 05	132 05
Lee, Mrs. Michael	2 00	12 00			14 00
Lunsman, Mrs. Christopher	35 06	4 50			70 56
Leahy, Mrs. Hannah	36 00	19 71	38 50	31 00	94 21
McAuliffe, Mrs. Robert, at Hopkinton				120 00	120 00
Manning, John L.	42 00				42 00

Manning, John T.	.	.	.	.	85 43	31 26		9 65	126 34
Meaney, Patrick H.	.	.	.	.	72 00	12 39		6 25	167 64
Neary, Jennie P., at Boston	.	.	.	.			77 00	22 00	22 00
Petree, Benjamin O.	.	.	.	.		1 50		4 00	5 50
Prior, John J.	.	.	.	.	13 00	10 75			23 75
Pickering, Mrs. Mary J., at Boston	.	.	.	.				106 00	106 00
Roddan, Bernard, at Mass. Hospital for Dipsomaniacs	.	.	.	.				78 00	78 00
Sutton, James F.	.	.	.	.	9 35	9 00			9 00
Shields, William, at Brockton	.	.	.	.		4 22		8 00	13 57
Sutton, Peter B.	.	.	.	.					8 00
Smith, Mrs. Mary E.	.	.	.	.	42 00				42 00
Treanor, Mrs. John	.	.	.	.	36 00	16 63	26 00		78 63
Welch, Mrs. John C.	.	.	.	.	3 00	26 75	27 00		56 75
Wood, Frank S., at New Bedford	.	.	.	.	44 50	7 70		38 38	90 58
White, Mrs. Eva	.	.	.	.	140 03	40 00	66 00	48 25	294 28
Sundry persons	.	.	.	.				75 00	75 00
					\$1,076 10	\$329 96	\$367 00	\$1,225 36	\$2,998 42

The column marked sundry items consists of such items as clothing, medicine, hospital attendance, board paid, etc.; also such items of poor aided by other towns as could not be separated into specific accounts.

Appropriation \$2,500 00

Aid refunded 41 95

\$2,541 95

Overdrawn 456 47

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Beale, Samuel G., of Quincy . . .	\$85 15
Crowley, David, of Boston . . .	10 75
Donovan, Dennis, of Canton . . .	87 75
Eastman, Mrs. Sarah E., of Revere . . .	8 00
Erskine, Robert, of Stoughton . . .	24 00
Fredericks, Mrs., of Stoughton . . .	1 00
Glover, Mrs. John E., of Quincy . . .	18 00
Hume, Henry J., of Boston . . .	7 00
Nightingale, Alvah M., of Duxbury . . .	37 50
Purcell, Mrs. Bernard, of Avon . . .	222 21
Riley, Mrs. James, of Westboro . . .	42 00
Shaw, Mrs. Hattie A., of Abington . . .	197 16
Stewart, Charles, State Pauper . . .	20 06
Shurtleff, Mrs. Fred. L., of Brockton . . .	69 00
Wilder, Frank E., of Boston . . .	132 86
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	\$962 44

No appropriation.

To be refunded.

PAY OF PHYSICIANS.

Paid Dr. Frank C. Granger	\$50 00
Visits made : Mrs. J. Trainor	40
Mrs. C. Lunsman	6
(Almshouse) B. Frank Kennedy	8
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	54
Paid Dr. Warren M. Babbitt	\$50 00
Visits made : George W. Averell	6
Mary Ainslee	11

Visits made :	Eric Stewart	.	.	2
	Timothy Sullivan	.	.	9
	Thomas Curran	.	.	5
	Charles A. Lyman	.	.	29
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				62

Paid Dr. A. L. Chase \$50 00

Visits made :	Mehitabel Blencowe	.	.	48
	Mrs. William Ainslee	.	.	13
	John Hayes	.	.	2
	Benjamin Pettee	.	.	2
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				65

Paid Dr. James S. Sullivan 50 00

Visits made :	John T. Manning	.	.	10
	Mary E. Smith	.	.	25
	William Fox	.	.	7
	Thomas Curran	.	.	5
	Bartholomew Gill	.	.	3
	Adelia French	.	.	10
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				60

Paid Dr. Charles C. Farnham 50 00

Visits made :	Jennie Bacigalupo and			
	family	.	.	11
	Thomas Hand	.	.	21
	John A. Sylvester and wife,			9
	Tramps in lockup	.	.	11
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				52

Paid Dr. William F. Holmes	.	.	.	\$50 00
Visits made : John T. Manning	.	.	46	
Hugh Currie	.	.	16	
Mrs. Wood	.	.	92	
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			154	\$300 00
Appropriation, \$300 00	.			

WINTHROP B. ATHERTON.
 CHARLES H. THAYER,
 JOHN E. McDONALD,
Overseers of the Poor.

RANDOLPH, February 2, 1905.

The undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find the same correct with proper vouchers for all orders drawn on the Treasurer.

MICHAEL F. CUNNINGHAM.
 JEREMIAH J. DESMOND.
 JOHN B. WREN.

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Day's work as per town vote	.	.	.	8 hours
Labor per man	.	.	.	\$2 00 per day
Price for man and single team	.	.	.	3 50 per day
Price for man and double team	.	.	.	5 00 per day

				Loads.
Loads of stone dust used on sidewalks	.	.	.	11
Loads of crushed stone used	.	.	.	4
Loads of gravel used on sidewalks	.	.	.	496
Loads of gravel used on Wales avenue	.	.	.	2,500
Loads of gravel used on streets, except Wales avenue	.	.	.	3,480
Total	.	.	.	<u>6,491</u>

GRAVELING UNION STREET.

808 loads of gravel and labor	.	.	.	\$784 42
Average cost per load spread on street	.	.	.	90 cts.

GRAVELING WEST STREET.

316 loads of gravel and labor	.	.	.	\$226 12
Average cost per load spread on street	.	.	.	72 cts.

GRAVELING SOUTH MAIN STREET.

1,647 loads of gravel and labor	.	.	.	\$1,515 17
Average cost per load spread on street	.	.	.	92 cts.

SURFACING WARREN STREET WITH SCREENED GRAVEL.

182 loads of gravel and labor	\$178 74
Average cost per load spread on street	98 cts.

SIDEWALKS.

Average cost per load of gravel spread on side-	
walks	88 cts.

In addition to the gravel there was used on sidewalks a large quantity of ashes, the only expense in connection therewith being the carting and spreading.

Cost of new fencing	\$75 93
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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1905.

Schools (see report of School Committee)	\$10,330 00
Stetson High School (see report of Trustees)	2,200 00
Town Officers	2,500 00
Miscellaneous	1,600 00
Tree Warden	75 00
Repairs of highways, including removal of snow,	4,000 00
Highway plant (note)	500 00
Street loan (note)	500 00
Street loan (note)	630 00
Street loan (note)	850 00
Poor in almshouse	1,800 00
Poor out of almshouse	2,750 00
Soldiers' relief	350 00
Soldiers' relief, Randolph and Holbrook	300 00
Military aid	200 00
Electric lighting	3,400 00
Interest on town debt	2,250 00
Treasurer's bond	120 00
Medical attendance on poor	300 00
Board of Health	200 00
Lockup	200 00
Fire Department (see report of Engineers)	3,326 00
Water Works (see report of Water Commis- sioners)	3,500 00
Special police	700 00
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LIST OF JURORS, 1905.

Abbenzeller, Alfred D.	Shoemaker.
Alden, F. Wayland.	Retired.
Aldrich, Arthur F.	Shoemaker.
Arnold, Edward.	Florist.
Barrett, William F.	Shoemaker.
Briggs, Herbert M.	Real estate agent.
Buck, N. Everett.	Grain dealer.
Burrell, Minot A.	Shoemaker.
Bradley, Henry J.	Shoemaker.
Beal, Ira E.	Shoemaker.
Cole, Charles H.	Farmer.
Casey, Peter.	Shoemaker.
Clark, S. Melvin.	Laborer.
Clark, Dexter T.	Surveyor.
Clark, Walter S.	Shoemaker.
Dyer, James M.	Farmer.
Dowd, James.	Shoemaker.
Desmond, John.	Grocer.
Daly, Michael J.	Agent.
Dennehy, Daniel D.	Shoemaker.
Eddy, Cyrus N.	Shoemaker.
Eddy, George H.	Provision dealer.
French, Fred M.	Insurance.
French, Walter.	Agent.
Forrest, Richard.	Shoemaker.
Foster, Samuel A.	Retired.
Foster, Samuel A., Jr.,	Grocer.
Friar, Adolphus S.	Retired.
Galagher, Joseph C.	Cigar manufacturer.
Goeres, Louis.	Shoemaker.

Grover, Frank R.	Carpenter.
Gill, John F.	Shoemaker.
Holbrook, Arthur H.	Farmer.
Hunt, Moses N.	Storekeeper.
Hoye, John A.	Shoemaker.
Hayden, I. Willie.	Carpenter.
Hayden, H. Willie.	Shoemaker.
Jones, Herbert A.	Shoemaker.
Jones, James M.	Laborer.
Koppman, George.	Paper.
Kingsbery, William F.	Merchant.
Long, James F.	Shoemaker.
Lovejoy, George A.	Agent.
Lewis, Wellington.	Retired.
Lyons, Walter H.	Agent.
Mann, Edwin M.	Farmer.
Mahady, William.	Laborer.
McAuliffe, Richard H.	Shoemaker.
McDonald, Joseph.	Retired.†
Niles, Isaac.	Retired.
Pope, David.	Retired.
Purcell, John T.	Shoemaker.
Poole, Marcus M.	Retired.
Quinn, Peter.	Shoemaker.
Reynolds, George A.	Farmer.
Roel, George A.	Mechanic.
Spear, William B.	Painter.
Shipman, Rev. John N.	Retired.
Willard, John K.	Tallow dealer.
Wales, James H.	Farmer.

WINTHROP B. ATHERTON,
 CHARLES H. THAYER,
 JOHN E. McDONALD,

Selectmen.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES, 1904.

J. WHITE BELCHER, *President.*

ASA P. FRENCH, *Vice-President.*

N. IRVING TOLMAN, *Treasurer.*

WILLIAM H. LEAVITT, *Secretary.*

WINTHROP B. ATHERTON,

CHARLES H. THAYER,

JOHN E. McDONALD,

Selectmen of Randolph, ex-officiis.

JOHN V. BEAL.

JOHN E. BRADLEY.

HENRY A. BELCHER.

FRANK C. GRANGER.

WINTHROP B. ATHERTON.

MISS ALICE M. T. BEACH.

MRS. CLARA A. WALES.

MRS. ELLEN J. T. CRAWFORD.

Librarian.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant Librarian.

MISS FANNIE C. HOWARD.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 3 of the By-Laws of the Turner Free Library, the twenty-ninth annual report is herewith submitted, showing the condition of the trust, the building, library and funds, with reports of different committees and of the librarian presented to the trustees, for the year ending December 31, 1904.

TRUST.

The trust remains the same as in previous years, and consists of the library building, library, funds invested and the income arising therefrom. The present condition of the funds will be found in the report of the finance committee herewith submitted.

BUILDING.

The committee on building (consisting of Henry A. Belcher, N. Irving Tolman, Winthrop B. Atherton, Charles H. Thayer and John E. McDonald) report that the "building is in good condition", with the exception of a few necessary repairs.

LIBRARY.

The annual examination of the library was made in August by the library committee (consisting of J. White Belcher, Asa P. French, Mrs. Clara A. Wales, Mrs. Ellen J. T. Crawford and William H. Leavitt), and the books, charts and furnishings of the library were found as usual in good condition; all books belonging to the library were accounted for by the librarian.

FUNDS.

The committee on finance (consisting of John V. Beal, Winthrop B. Atherton, John E. Bradley, Alice M. T. Beach and Frank C. Granger) report as follows :

“ To the Trustees of the Turner Free Library :

“ In compliance with the requirements of Article Tenth of By-Laws of the Turner Free Library, the committee on finance herewith present a report of the receipts and expenditures thereof for the financial year commencing January 1, 1904, and ending December 31, 1904 ; also the result of their examination of the treasurer's accounts and of such estimates and recommendations for the ensuing year as in their judgment seem requisite for the prosperity of the library.

“ The receipts for the treasury during this period of time as per accounts of N. Irving Tolman, treasurer, including the balance \$551.14 of last year, were \$4,168.21.

“ The payments from the treasury during the same period were \$3,474.56, making an excess of receipts over expenditures of \$693.65.

“ Having examined the accounts of the treasury, the committee find that all bills and orders for expenditures which have been presented for payment have been paid by the treasurer upon the approval of the proper committee of the library, and proper vouchers therefor by him retained and placed on file, and that his accounts are in all respects true and accurate ; that a cash balance of \$693.65, as above shown, is now in the treasury and remains on deposit in the State National Bank, Boston.

“ The committee further find that all the rents and interests and all the revenues from whatever source have been duly collected and properly secured.

"The remaining funds of the library, exclusive of the above mentioned balance, consist of five thousand (5000) dollars invested in a promissory note of the town of Randolph, bearing interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, and the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars as the 'Turner Fund' invested as follows :

"One bond of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad of \$1000.

"Two bonds of the Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western Railroad \$500 each.

"One bond of the Old Colony Railroad Company of \$1000.

"One bond of the Western Telephone & Telegraph Company of \$1000.

"Two bonds of the Chicago & West Michigan Railroad Company of \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad Company of \$500 each.

"Thirty-three shares of the preferred stock of the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

"One bond of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company of \$1000. This is a new investment, having been substituted for a C. B. & Q. bond of \$1000, which was paid during this year.

"The Royal W. Turner bequest is invested as follows :

"Ten Old Colony Railroad bonds \$1000 each.

"Ten Wayne County, Michigan, bonds \$1000 each.

"The committee consider that the income of the funds will be sufficient to meet the current expenses of the ensuing year, and, therefore, recommend that no appropriation be solicited from the town."

Randolph, December 31, 1904.

A detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures for

the year ending December 31, 1904, will be found in the report of the treasurer hereto annexed.

The following extracts taken from the twenty-ninth annual report of the Librarian, Dr. Charles C. Farnham, to the trustees, contain a condensed statement of the present condition and uses of the library :

" To the Trustees of the Turner Free Library :

"Ladies and Gentlemen,—In presenting for your consideration this my twenty-ninth annual report it gives me pleasure to assure you of my continued interest in the library and its mission, and to say that the accustomed work of the library has been carried on regularly and successfully during the entire year.

"The increasing usefulness of this educational agency is attested by the large number of books borrowed and read by its patrons, as well as by the formation of literary and scientific societies which avail themselves of the special privileges accorded them here.

"The clubs, the teachers and the scholars are each in their turn the recipients of special favors and assistance, but this is only in the line of a policy long since adopted by the trustees and librarians to provide every reasonable facility in enabling all patrons to get the best possible results from the library and its continuous additions. In this way we think we can best express and fulfil the generous purpose of the founders of the library and most faithfully the requirements of the public.

GENERAL STATEMENTS.

"The general condition of the library is as good as can be expected after nearly thirty years of constant service. The annual examination was made in August. All books accounted for and all properties in good condition.

"The library has been open to the public 277 days, dur

ing which time 20,804 books have been issued in the circulating department (last year 19,574), making a daily average circulation of 72. The largest daily issue of books was on April 16, when 520 were charged; the smallest on July 5th, when only eight were drawn. There have been charged on special teachers' cards 2471 books, and 424 volumes have been added, making the total of accessions 18,294.

"There has been \$46 collected for fines, which has been duly paid to the treasurer.

WORK WITH THE SCHOOLS.

"As has been stated, the teachers have borrowed 2471 books on their special cards, a notable increase over the 1872 reported last year. In addition to these so reported, a large number of volumes have been selected by teachers and have been read at the library by the visiting scholars. The afternoon hours at the annex have been made bright and cherry by the presence of many of these student readers. Too much praise cannot be accorded the principal of the Prescott Grammar and the first assistant of the High School for their share in this largely extended work.

REFERENCE ROOM.

"It is not possible to furnish accurate statistics of the work done in the reference department or the large number of works consulted, as much of the study in this department is done by visitors without especial assistance. But even then the demands made and the help rendered has often been sufficiently long and painstaking to keep the librarian and his assistant very busy.

ART EXHIBITS.

"The following exhibitions of views furnished by the Massachusetts Art Club have been given to the public:

"Granada and the Alhambra."

"Pagan Rome. (The Forum.)"

"Pagan Rome. (Outside the Forum.)"

"Plymouth, and the Courtship of Miles Standish."

"South Kensington."

"Florence, No. 5."

"Venice, No. 4."

"Holland, No. 1."

"Velasquez."

"German Festoons."

"Ten in all. These views have given pleasure and helpful aid to our patrons, and are always of great educational value.

"If the exhibits were more generally visited and more carefully studied our friends would find this diversion a pleasant and helpful aid in obtaining information."

At the close of another year the trustees desire again to express their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the librarian and the assistant librarian in the faithful discharge of their respective duties.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,

President of the Board of Trustees.

Randolph, December 31, 1904.

RANDOLPH, MASS., January 1, 1905.

To the Trustees of Turner Free Library:

In compliance with the requirements of the by-laws, I hereby submit my annual report as treasurer of Turner Free Library.

RECEIPTS.

Income Turner Fund	\$502 00
Income R. W. Turner legacy	800 00
Rent Randolph Savings Bank	300 00
Rent C. Fred Lyons	250 00
Rent Ladies' Library Association	15 00
Interest on Town of Randolph notes	200 00
Town appropriation insurance	393 00
From Randolph Savings Bank, fuel	100 07
Fines and collections	57 00
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy bond	1,000 00
Balance January 1, 1904	551 14
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	\$4,168 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for books and periodicals	\$663 59
binding	53 90
salary of librarian	500 00
salary of assistant	250 00
salary of janitor	125 00
electric light	108 10
supplies	21 77
express	13 90
insurance	393 00
repairs	20 15
fuel	312 75

Paid for rent safety deposit box	\$10 00
rent of post-office box	2 40
New York Central & Hudson River R. R. bond	1,000 00
Balance December 31, 1904	693 65
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	\$4,168 21

In August a \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy bond of the Turner Fund was called and paid; the amount was reinvested in a New York Central 4 per cent bond.

The Turner Fund is invested in :

- 1 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. bond of \$1,000
- 2 Chicago & West Michigan bonds of . . . 1,000 each
- 1 Old Colony R. R. bond of 1,000
- 1 Western Telephone & Telegraph Co. bond of . 1,000
- 2 Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western R. R. bond of 500 "
- 3 Union Pacific R. R. bonds of 500 "
- 33 shares of the preferred stock of the Union
Pacific R. R. Co.

The Royal W. Turner legacy is invested in :

- 10 Old Colony R. R. bonds of \$1,000 each
- 10 Wayne County, Michigan, bonds of . . . 1,000 each

The remaining funds of the library are represented by a note of the Town of Randolph for \$5,000, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

N. IRVING TOLMAN,
Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH,

FOR 1904.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ROYAL T. MANN, CHAIRMAN.

REDMOND P. BARRETT, SECRETARY.

REDMOND P. BARRETT	. . . . .	Term expires 1907
JOHN E. McDONALD	. . . . .	Term expires 1905
ROYAL T. MANN	. . . . .	Term expires 1906

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

ROYAL T. MANN, *Chairman.*

FRED M. FRENCH, *Secretary.*

REDMOND P. BARRETT	. . . . .	Term expires 1907
JOHN E. McDONALD	. . . . .	Term expires 1905
ROYAL T. MANN	. . . . .	Term expires 1906

Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. JOHN E. BRADLEY.

Office, School Committee Rooms. Tuesday and Thursday, 3 to 4
o'clock P. M.

Regular meeting of the School Committee last Friday of the month,
7.30 P. M.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Randolph:

The School Committee hereby make and submit their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1904. In accordance with the vote of the town at our last annual meeting, the addition to the North Grammar School building has been made, at a cost of \$933.50, exceeding the appropriation by \$33.50. It was found that a one-story addition would destroy the architecture of the building. The Committee, therefore, decided to make it two stories, thereby adding to its symmetry. A room on the lower floor has been finished and furnished for the third and fourth grade school, and is a commodious and attractive room. The upper story remains unfinished, and can be utilized at any time when another room is needed. Last September, at the opening of the fall term, the Committee voted to close the school in the No. 1 district; the school numbering only nineteen pupils, we thought best to transport them to Prescott School, thus saving to the town the necessary expenses of one school and affording better opportunities for the children to attend a school where only one grade is taught.

School census taken September 19, 1904, shows the number of children between the ages of five and fifteen to be six hundred twenty-nine, a decrease of twenty-four from the previous year.

The report of the Superintendent of Schools is subjoined, giving a detailed account of the condition and work of the schools for the past year.

A detailed statement of the expenditures in this department for the year ending December 31, 1904, is annexed to this report.

The Committee ask the town to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to meet the expenses of the schools for the year ending December 31, 1905 :

For teaching	\$7,780 00
Care of rooms	600 00
Fuel	600 00
Books and supplies	1,100 00
Miscellaneous, incidental and permanent repairs	1,000 00
Transportation of pupils	250 00
Superintendent of Schools	600 00
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	\$11,930 00
Less estimate revenue from dog tax, State School Fund and Coddington Fund	\$1,100 00
State, for Superintendent of Schools,	300 00
State, for salary of teachers	200 00
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	1,600 00
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	\$10,330 00

Also for Stetson High School . \$2,200 00

Respectfully submitted,

ROYAL P. MANN,
JOHN E. McDONALD,
REDMOND P. BARRETT,
School Committee.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS, 1904.

FOR TEACHING (39 weeks).

Paid Nelson Freeman	\$1,026 48
Joseph Belcher	1,026 48
Katherine A. Kiley	500 84
Ellen P. Henry	461 76
Mary A. Molloy	461 76
Katherine E. Sheridan	429 00
Mary E. Wren	409 50
Katherine R. Molloy	390 00
Clara A. Tolman	390 00
Lucie W. Lewis	390 00
Hannah F. Hoye	390 00
Sarah C. Belcher	390 00
Fannie A. Campbell	390 00
Emma D. Stetson	200 00
Mrs. Boyd	30 00
Ellen E. McLaughlin	390 00
Katherine J. Kiley	390 00
Katherine G. Woodbury	156 00
Margaret L. Powers	10 80
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	\$7,832 62
George E. Crafts, music	25 00
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	\$7,857 62

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid John E. Bradley	\$600 00
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CONVEYING PUPILS.

Paid O. C. St. Railway Co.	\$140 00
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BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Ginn & Co.	\$162 99
American Book Co.	449 53
Edward E. Babb	202 88
J. L. Hammett Co.	123 05
L. E. Knott Appr. Co.	14 99
T. H. Castor Co.	5 14
Allyn & Bacon	6 68
Oliver Ditson Co.	4 20
D. C. Heath	6 13
Educational Publishing Co.	8 27
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	15 38
Silver, Burdett Co.	20 73
Milton Bradley	17 60
The Rose Bindery	4 05
DeWolfe, Fiske Co.	1 96
William Ware	5 70
Thorp-Martin Co.	3 53
American Bible Society	2 75
John A. Boyle	116 17
Rand, McNally	10 90
L. Richmond	1 75
Continental Brush Co.	65 10
H. W. Kibbe	6 75
Remington Typewriter Co.	1 50
Loring & Howard	12 90
P. A. Harrison	3 90
American School Furniture Co.	19 50

 \$1,294 03

FUEL.

Paid Edwin M. Mann, wood	\$31 25
Andrew Hayes, wood	4 00
M. E. Leahy, wood	49 00

Paid D. B. White, coal	\$44 00
M. E. Leahy, coal	567 58
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	\$695 83

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid George M. Johnson	\$116 85
John P. Rooney	379 00
Francis B. Thayer	20 00
Eleanor Holbrook	39 00
William Carroll	61 63
A. W. Alden	6 00
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	\$622 48

ADDITION TO NORTH GRAMMAR.

Paid William Dear, excavating, building foundation wall and laying underpinning . .	\$80 00
E. W. Campagna, per contract . .	853 50
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	\$933 50

GENERAL EXPENSE.

Paid George M. Johnson	\$22 13
G. A. Dustin	2 00
Francis B. Thayer	9 75
M. E. Leahy	53 65
John P. Rooney	22 00
Mary F. Hayden	17 06
George F. Taylor	8 94
William B. Spear	22 11
R. E. O'Brien	114 02
A. W. Alden	10 00
Joseph Belcher	1 34
William Carroll	3 50
J. B. McDonald	129 20
Estate of F. Porter	1 60

Paid James Hurley	\$2 50
H. S. Faunce	2 50
C. A. Lyman	15 00
E. W. Campagna	161 77
Charles H. Cole	7 00
E. A. Perry	52 20
George A. Roel	2 00
James Fardy	2 45
Eleanor Holbrook	5 00
Lyons Express	17 60
W. F. Barrett	20 00
Taunton Lumber Co.	70
Joseph T. Leahy	36 00
Chandler W. Smith	4 90
Charles H. Nichols	25 59
Dexter T. Clark	2 00
Fred M. French	16 80
J. White Belcher	77 13
D. H. Huxford	35 00
Frank H. Langley	25
Henry Campbell	4 00
Eugene Thayer	7 06
John J. Thornton	8 47
Nelson Mann	20 00
Frank J. Donohue	20 00
C. Fred Lyons	13 09
Andrew Hayes	8 00
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	\$984 31

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for Teaching	\$7,857 62
Superintendent of Schools	600 00
Books and supplies	1,294 03
Fuel	695 83

Paid for Care of rooms	\$622 48
Addition to North Grammar	933 50
Conveying pupils	140 00
General expenses	984 31
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	\$13,127 77

INCOME FROM FUNDS, TAXES, ETC.

Received for Tuition	\$138 00
Superintendent	500 00
Interest on Coddington Fund, 1 year,	64 00
Massachusetts School Fund	902 92
Dog licenses	535 73
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	\$2,140 65

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To the Citizens of Randolph:

There have been two changes in the investment of this fund since our last annual report. We then held ten shares of National Bank of Redemption, which bank has been merged into the First National Bank; in exchange we received five shares of the First National Bank and cash \$600. The Webster National Bank was merged into the Webster and Atlas National Bank; in exchange for six shares of the former bank we received three shares of the latter bank and cash \$300. The cash, amounting to \$900, received from the two banks has been deposited in the Randolph Savings Bank, thereby increasing that deposit to \$1,923.83.

The fund now stands as follows, the valuation being at par:

5 shares First National Bank	.	.	.	\$500 00
10 shares Eliot National Bank	.	.	.	1,000 00
4 shares State National Bank	.	.	.	400 00
10 shares Exchange National Bank	.	.	.	1,000 00
10 shares Boylston National Bank	.	.	.	1,000 00
10 shares Old Boston National Bank	.	.	.	1,000 00
10 shares National Shawmut Bank	.	.	.	1,000 00
3 shares Webster & Atlas National Bank	.	.	.	300 00
7 Northern Pacific & Great Northern	4	per		
cent. bonds	.	.	.	7,000 00
Deposit in the Randolph Savings Bank	.	.	.	1,923 83
1 piano, value	.	.	.	375 00
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				\$15,498 83

The investment of the Turner Fund has not been changed.

The trustees again deem it their duty to call the attention of the voters of the town to the accommodation of our High School building, which is inadequate for the needs of the school. The school has outgrown the building. The trustees have been obliged to use the laboratory and cloak room and the office room of the School Committee for class rooms, which are small and unsuitable for this purpose, thereby making it very inconvenient for teachers and pupils.

The plan for an addition to the present building, as proposed last year, upon due consideration by the town, was deemed expensive and undesirable, therefore the trustees recommend that the voters of the town take action relative to the erection of a new building at some desirable location for this school. An article for the aforesaid purpose will be inserted in the warrant for the annual town meeting.

Relative to the work of the High School for the past year, see report of the Superintendent of Schools.

The report of the secretary, Fred M. French, Esq., is hereunto annexed.

Respectfully submitted,

ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN E. McDONALD,
R. P. BARRETT,

Trustees of the Stetson School Fund.

DR. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT WITH

1904.

To balance of old account	\$2 02	
town appropriation for year	2,200 00	
bank dividends, Eliot	\$70 00	
Shawmut	60 00	
Exchange	60 00	
Boylston	50 00	
Old Boston	40 00	
Redemption	30 00	
State	24 00	
First	20 00	
Webster	15 00	
Webster & Atlas	9 00	
	<hr/>	378 00
interest on N. P. & G. N. bonds	280 00	
Randolph Savings Bank, interest	49 92	
rent of hall for year	157 50	
rent of piano	40.00	
bank tax refunded by town	146 64	
	<hr/>	\$3,248 08

RANDOLPH, January 23, 1905.

The undersigned have this day examined the accounts of the Secretary of the Stetson School Fund and find the same correct with proper vouchers for all orders drawn.

WINTHROP B. ATHERTON,
CHARLES H. THAYER,
JOHN E. McDONALD,
Selectmen of Randolph.

THE STETSON HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

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1904.

By paying F. E. Chapin, salary for year . . .	\$1,436 76
Katherine O. Fletcher, salary . . .	564 43
Katherine F. Garrity, salary . . .	564 43
Margaret L. Powers, salary . . .	100 80
George E. Crafts, salary . . .	50 00
Arthur W. Alden, care of schoolroom . . .	96 00
Arthur W. Alden, extras . . .	6 00
Estate of Charles Doughty, lighting and supplies . . .	117 43
Daniel H. Huxford, printing . . .	118 75
James B. McDonald, labor and material . . .	63 20
R. E. O'Brien, labor and material . . .	5 75
Kingsbury Tibbetts, labor and material . . .	18 97
James F. Hurley, labor and material . . .	5 00
James Fardy, labor and material . . .	2 00
E. W. Campagna, labor and material . . .	7 15
M. E. Leahy & Co., labor and material . . .	12 25
William Dear, labor . . .	1 00
Edward A. Perry, labor . . .	1 25
C. Fred Lyons, supplies . . .	12 52
Estate of F. Porter, supplies . . .	5 55
McAuliffe & Co., supplies . . .	1 40
Charles H. Nichols, expressing and moving, . . .	6 80
P. H. McLaughlin, towels . . .	1 50
Edwin M. Mann, wood . . .	4 00
H. C. Kendall, filling diplomas . . .	1 75
Charles E. Lyons, labor . . .	3 11
Loring & Howard, mat . . .	2 00
Chase, Parker & Co., muslin . . .	3 00
Flagg & Willis, mirror . . .	1 35
William B. Spear, painting . . .	11 50
M. E. Leahy, coal . . .	21 75
Balance . . .	68
	<hr/> \$3,248 08

FRED M. FRENCH,
Secretary.

RANDOLPH, January 30, 1905.

The undersigned, Selectmen of Randolph, having this day made an examination of the accounts of the Trustees of the Stetson School Fund for the year 1904, find them correct.

The investments for the fund are as follows :

National Shawmut Bank, 10 shares . . .	\$1,000 00
Eliot National Bank, 10 shares . . .	1,000 00
National Exchange Bank, 10 shares . . .	1,000 00
Boylston National Bank, 10 shares . . .	1,000 00
Old Boston National Bank, 10 shares . . .	1,000 00
First National Bank	500 00
State National Bank	400 00
Webster & Atlas National Bank	300 00
7 Northern Pacific & Great Northern 4 per cent joint bonds at \$1000	7,000 00
Deposit in Randolph Savings Bank	1,923 83
Piano in Stetson Hall	375 00
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	\$16,398 83

We also find in the hands of the secretary a \$1000 bond of the City of Minneapolis, Minn., the investment for the Turner Fund.

WINTHROP B. ATHERTON,
CHARLES H. THAYER,
JOHN E. McDONALD,

Selectmen.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

In Memoriam

Emma D. Stetson

November 2, 1904

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

RANDOLPH, December 31, 1904.

To the School Committee of the Town of Randolph:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to present to you and through you to the people of Randolph a report of the schools under your charge for the school year ending June 30, 1904; also additional statistics and remarks relating to the work of the current year.

The interest which the people of Randolph feel in their schools is evinced in many ways. On visiting days and other public occasions it is difficult, sometimes impossible, to provide seats for all who wish to attend. Pupils show an intelligent desire and purpose to improve. The attendance is good and steadily improving, and the number of pupils who leave school to go to work before they are sixteen years of age is small. The health of pupils and, with one exception, of teachers has been good; no epidemics have prevailed.

The expenditures for the maintenance of the public schools in most Massachusetts towns far exceed those of any other department, often amounting to one-third or two-fifths of the total of town expenses. No other fact more clearly illustrates the importance of the public schools or the hold which they have upon the popular heart. Moreover, experience, extending over eight generations, has demonstrated the wisdom as well as the strength of this popular sympathy. Those states which have made ample provision for education

have prospered, while those which have been niggard in their allowance have fallen behind in the general progress. The amount expended for education per pupil is greater in Massachusetts than in any other state in the Union, and eighty per cent more than in the country at large, and the average period of a pupil's school attendance is about eight years, while the average in the whole country is only four years and six months. These and other similar facts are set forth by the United States Commissioner of Education, who also reports that the average wages of laborers per capita in Massachusetts is eighty-four per cent above the average for the United States, despite the fact that she is handicapped by her long distance from the coal fields and the grain and cotton belts and the consequent long hauls for fuel, food and raw materials. With heavy disadvantages in location, soil and climate, Massachusetts gives her laborers the highest wages, the steadiest employment and the best sanitary conditions in shop and factory, and at the same time the best educational and the best political conditions of any equal population in an equal area in this or any other country. No one, reflecting upon these facts, can believe that she could have retained her industrial advantages without the educational conditions which have made them possible. And so no one can doubt the wisdom and the patriotism of the widespread sentiment which demands that the schools shall be kept at the highest possible degree of efficiency.

The following are the statistics for the year. Additional details may be found in the appendix to this report.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1904.

Number of school buildings	6
Number of schools keeping separate registers	17
Number of regular teachers	19
Whole number of pupils enrolled	712

Whole number of boys	348
Whole number of girls	364
Average membership	641.74
Average attendance	605.25
Per cent of attendance (based upon average membership)	94.33
Number of pupils under 5 years of age	1
Number of pupils between 5 and 15	642
Number of pupils between 7 and 14	473
Number of pupils over 15	69

Number of pupils in —

First Grade	80	Seventh Grade	74
Second Grade	76	Eighth Grade	63
Third Grade	71	Ninth (High School),	46
Fourth Grade	77	Tenth "	22
Fifth Grade	77	Eleventh "	18
Sixth Grade	61	Twelfth "	7

Number of cases of truancy	2
Number who have not been absent	22
Number who have not been tardy	345
Number who have neither been absent nor tardy,	16
Number of grade promotions	567

SCHOOL No. 1.

Miss Emma D. Stetson, teacher of School No. 1, was compelled by illness to resign her position in April, 1904. Mrs. Bertha L. Boyd was employed as her substitute and completed the year. Miss Stetson passed away November 2. She had been connected with the schools of Randolph for many years, this had been her home, and her death was felt as a personal loss by many.

In September the committee decided not to re-open School

No. 1, and the pupils were transferred to the Prescott School. While the location is less convenient for most of them, the present arrangement makes it possible for them to be well classified, which is not possible in a school with so many grades.

TIME SERVICE OF SPECIAL TEACHERS.

Miss Woodbury, the supervisor of drawing, has been in charge of her department for two years, and Miss Powers, the special teacher of typewriting and stenography, for one year preceding the present year. In both cases it had been found necessary in the interests of economy to make the time service shorter than was deemed desirable. I am glad to report that we were able at the beginning of the present year to secure an extension of the time given by each of these teachers to this town without material addition to the expense. The additional time is proving a valuable help to the work.

THE COURSE OF STUDY.

Three years ago the advisability of adding a ninth year to the course of study below the High School was considered by the School Committee. Many cities and towns in this part of the state have a course of nine years in the primary and grammar grades, and considerable sentiment in favor of extending our course to nine years was found to exist. Action was deferred, however, on account of the increased expense and to give time for further consideration of the questions involved in the proposed change.

During the period which has intervened, the possibility of shortening the course of study not only in the public schools but also in the college has been widely discussed in the educational journals and in meetings of teachers and educators. The last annual meeting of the New England Superintendents' Association, held in Boston last November, gave nearly a day to the consideration of the subject, and it was found

that opinions in favor of an eight years course largely predominated. The nine years course was not found to be as general as had been supposed, and many superintendents thought that all the work which it calls for could be done in eight years. Outside of New England and in a large portion of the New England towns the course below the High School is eight years. Greater New York has recently adopted an eight years course, and some towns and cities in the Middle West have even reduced the course to seven years. It does not appear that the eight years courses or even the seven years courses require less than is required in the nine years courses. The crowding of the course of study arises usually from attempting to teach large masses of unnecessary details, not from too many subjects. These details have found their way into the text-books, children learn them without any discrimination as to their comparative importance, and sometimes the teacher fails to lay the needed emphasis on that which is fundamental. No doubt much time is wasted or worse than wasted on these details. They not only retard the progress but deaden the interest.

Although new subjects have been added to the course of study, improved methods of teaching have made it possible to accept them and also to extend the work in the old subjects. In some branches, as, for example, in geography, the work has been greatly, perhaps unduly, expanded. But better teaching has made it possible to carry this additional work without pressure and with little of the anxiety and discouragement which were so common in the schools twenty years ago. If improvement in methods and in the ability and training of the teacher have enabled us to do so much more in a year, it ought to be possible to gradually shorten the course. At least, we should be able to send pupils to the High School better fitted to take up the work in advanced subjects than was possible a few years ago.

Considerable sentiment exists in some places in favor of lengthening the High School course by shortening the course in the grammar school. The organization and methods of the High School are different from those of the grammar school and better adapted to train the pupil to habits of self-reliance and independence when he has reached sufficient maturity. In the early years of school life, the child needs to be directed and assisted by his teacher in almost every detail, but as he grows older he should learn to do his own work and depend less and less upon personal instruction. This change must come gradually and to some extent while the pupil is in the grammar school, but his promotion to the High School is intended to throw him more upon his own resources and thus help to develop his manliness and force of will.

In the High School each teacher has a limited number of subjects to teach in which he can usually become somewhat expert.

Just at what age a pupil should make the transition from the more dependent and closely guided work of the grammar school and be thrown upon his own responsibilities and resources in the high school it is not easy to decide. It is thought, however, that high school teachers will generally advise that it should not be made too young.

On the other hand it is a great thing to save a year in the life of a boy or girl. It is dreadful to see how these precious preparatory years have sometimes been thrown away. There is so much that the child needs to master, so many particulars in which he needs to be trained, so many powers and functions, — physical, intellectual, social, moral, esthetic, spiritual, — which need to be developed, that every year of childhood and youth ought to yield its full measure of progress. It is nature's seed-time. During these years the capacities and powers of the child are springing, one after

another, into active effort and growth. Each demands its appropriate nourishment and exercise. Nature seems to realize, if we do not, that there is much to be done and the time is short. So we find the child intensely active; every muscle is called into exercise. The impulse to play is strong. Nature demands incessant activity and change. The result is seen in the enormous acquisitions of the first five years. During these tender years the child has learned to walk, to talk and to know many things about his environment, and has made no small progress in mastering the use of his powers of body, mind and heart. This growth and development should continue without interruption until he reaches maturity. Each year should bring improvement and progress. Pupils who have become too old for their grade are at a disadvantage. So also are those whose interest is not readily secured in what we are trying to teach them. It is a mistake, ordinarily, to postpone sending a child to school until he is seven or eight years old. At that age, the best time to learn to read and much other elementary work has past.

Consider, too, how wide and how numerous are the fields of knowledge which we wish the pupil to begin to cultivate. There are many things of which he must know something — not a few, of which he should know much. It is true, of course, that one's school days, be they long or short, are merely preliminary, that intelligent men and women must be learners all their lives; still, the ever widening field of human knowledge calls for earnest effort to make school acquisitions as large as possible. The science and learning of one generation become the familiar, every day information of the next. There are many subjects of which a well informed man or woman must know something. Ignorance now discredits a person as never before in the history of the world. The boy who should learn in school today no more

than his father knew at the same age would start out in life at a tremendous disadvantage. Thoughtful parents see this and are anxious to give their boys and girls better educational advantages than they themselves enjoyed. The schools must meet this demand by affording wider and wider opportunities. It cannot be by lengthening the course of study; it must be by improving and strengthening the work.

ARITHMETIC.

After careful comparison and inquiry a new outline in arithmetic has been prepared and was introduced into the schools at the beginning of this year. The study of arithmetic has been deemed for many years of peculiar importance in the public schools, partly because of its uses in business and every-day affairs, and partly because it has been considered a good intellectual tonic and instrument of mental discipline. One of the results was the introduction into the text-books years ago of many long and intricate problems, together with mathematical demonstrations and discussions suitable only for adult minds. In the reaction which followed, there was a tendency to undervalue the subject of arithmetic and to permit pupils, without mastering it, to take up algebra and other studies in its place.

Of late the feeling has been widespread that while too much was often attempted in arithmetic, too little in the way of practical results was really accomplished. Much of this disappointment has been due to attempting to teach children things which they were not mature enough to comprehend. The mental powers and capacities of the child unfold slowly and follow one after another in a fixed order. Nothing is gained, and much may be lost, by appealing to a mental faculty before it has gained sufficient strength. The powers of analysis and reasoning are among the last to be developed in the child; they are constantly called into exercise by the

problems of arithmetic. In no other subject is more caution needed, therefore, not to anticipate the undeveloped powers of the child. If we try to teach him things which he is not yet prepared to learn, we work at a disadvantage and may do him harm: Real progress can best be secured by recognizing the limitations which nature has established. A long series of mental processes must become familiar and many facts must be learned before the child can do much reasoning. Sufficient time must be taken to make sure that the foundation is well laid, that the facts of number, the combinations and separations are perfectly familiar. The child may not learn them as a table, but he must have them perfectly in his memory. There is no lack of capacity in the child to learn these combinations; he will not learn them more easily when he is older. The mistake has been in asking him to reason about them. "Thought problems" are premature. The failure, so far as there has been one in teaching number work, has been in not fixing firmly in memory the simple little facts of the addition and multiplication tables. Even in advanced work in arithmetic, pupils' stumbling-blocks are the childish little mistakes which they make in their arithmetical operations — mistakes which ought to have been rendered impossible by patient and gentle drill in the elementary processes. Even later in the course there should be a large amount of practice on simple, easy work.

The disciplinary value of the study of arithmetic depends largely on the facility and ease which are attained in the various processes. There is no discipline in hesitation and blunders. Chronic discouragement and defeat are an irreparable injury to a child. The pupil's mind must be aroused to interest and alertness. The practical ends aimed at in the study of arithmetic are accuracy and rapidity in the ordinary computations of business, and these are identical with those of mental discipline.

With the hope of attaining somewhat more fully to these great ends, the new outline in arithmetic has been prepared. It should make the work in arithmetic more practical and should yield greater facility and accuracy in the number work of the intermediate grades. Our pupils enter school at five years of age and the new outline calls for no formal number work during the first half year, and but little before entering the second grade.

But, from the first, an effort is made to train the children's perceptive powers and to make them familiar with numbers by objects. Later, they take the easier portions of the various subjects, recurring to them again and again as they become more mature, to carry the mastery of each subject, with all its new difficulties, a little further.

THE WORK IN ENGLISH.

In the course of study in English adopted two years ago, considerable change was made in the arrangement and assignment of the work. In general the elementary work, both in Language and in Grammar, was assigned lower in the grades than before.

There is so much to be done that it is important that each grade should do its proper share. Most of it is very simple and easy; any child can understand it if properly taught. And yet almost every branch and feature of the study reaches out into intricacies and difficulties which are perplexing to both pupil and teacher. Thus the correct use of capitals, proper punctuation, and the spelling of ordinary words should be learned in the first five grades, to a considerable extent in the first three grades, and yet each of these branches leads to questions which involve difficulties and upon which the best authorities differ. These more difficult features have led many teachers to think that the whole subject should be postponed until the pupils are more mature.

and better able to grasp them. But the same fact holds true of all studies.

The elements of all subjects are easy; a child can understand them. Why not let him learn them? The more obscure or difficult portions can be deferred. Indeed, in comprehensive subjects, like language and arithmetic, the pupil needs to return again and again to the same topics, or divisions of the subject and carry his knowledge a little further each time.

In this connection I quote from Superintendent James M. Greenwood, of Kansas City: "If, in nature study, the object be a tree, a clear distinction is drawn in regard to root and trunk and branches, leaves and leaflets, even down to the venation of the leaves.

"Why should we not carry the child along a similar process in sentence structure where material is so abundant? Instead, he is kept using words and sentences as things not to be studied, and his language work is chiefly confined to copying sentences and paragraphs — simple, careful work which cultivates attention and penmanship, but exceedingly dull work.

"Writing from dictation is a grade higher in value, especially if the pupil is put to correcting his mistakes by use of the book from which the dictation was made.

"In the second and third grades various advances may be made, and in the fourth grade it is time to commence systematically to teach the four different kinds of sentences, to teach sentence structure and then to pass to the elements that compose a sentence. Even before this the child can be taught to tell the parts of speech in all plain sentences and the properties of the same.

"Any intelligent teacher who is able to organize the material in English grammar and composition on a rational basis can do all I have indicated and much more, and the work should be commenced in the third or fourth grade.

"If the children in the public schools of France have, beginning at seven, acquired by the time they are nine, or, at the latest, when they are ten, a good, working knowledge of their mother tongue and a fair understanding of technical grammar, including the nicer shades of meaning in the 'subjunctive mode', I should like to know why our children cannot grasp in the fourth grade some of the essential principles underlying the use and syntactical structure of sentences and paragraphs of the English language — one of the simplest of all languages in its structure. Too many teachers do not discriminate between essentials and non-essentials in teaching."

PRIZES IN ENGLISH.

In the effort which we are making to stimulate and strengthen the work in English, prizes were offered by the superintendent in December for the best Christmas stories written by the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades. These stories, many of which were excellent, were submitted to a committee, who awarded the prizes as follows :

North Grammar School.

PRIZES.

Eighth Grade, Charles Proctor.

Seventh Grade, Dora Daly.

HONORABLE MENTION.

Eighth Grade :

Louise Bromade.

Nellie Henderson.

Julia Dunn,

Edward Proctor.

Seventh Grade :

Grace Bustard.

Mabel Scott.

Emma Kelley.

Corinne Tileston.

Prescott School.

PRIZES.

Eighth Grade, Norman Jones.

Seventh Grade, Harriet Kingsbury.

HONORABLE MENTION.

Eighth Grade :

Nellie Desmond.	Willie McAuliffe.
Geraldine Kennedy.	Kittie Meaney.
Marie Kinnier.	Stella Nolan.

Seventh Grade :

Alice Dowd.	Ruth Rudderham.
Sarah McDonald.	Irvin Smith.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

Much prominence was given to the schools in the Fourth of July celebration, held under the auspices of the Citizens' League. Pupils from the various schools marched in separate bodies to the Central Square, where they formed in line, headed by the Selectmen, School Committee, other town officers, the president of the day and the orator, and marched, with the veterans of the Horace Niles Post of the G. A. R. as an escort of honor, to Alden Field. As they marched, accompanied by music and carrying flags and other patriotic emblems, through the principal street, they elicited admiration and cheers. At Alden Field, where a speakers' platform and grand stand had been erected, the following program was carried out :

1. INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE DAY,
John E. Bradley, LL. D.,
Chairman of Committee on Literary Exercises.
2. RESPONSE BY THE PRESIDENT,
Mr. Henry A. Belcher.
3. SONG, "Columbia",
School Children.
4. SELECTION,
Weymouth Band.
5. READING, "The Declaration of Independence",
Mr. Joseph Belcher.

6. SONG, "The Star Spangled Banner",
Mrs. William F. Barrett, Soloist,
Chorus by School Children.
7. ORATION,
Representative Guy F. Ham, of Boston.
8. "America",
Band and Audience.

Athletic contests between pupils of the schools followed, with a banner and prizes for successful contestants, and refreshments were served to the school children, who gave ample proof that they gratefully appreciated the delightful day which had been given them. Thanks are due to the League for undertaking so pleasant and appropriate a celebration, and to the various committees who arranged the details and carried them out so successfully. The addresses by Mr. Henry A. Belcher, the president of the day, and Mr. Guy F. Ham, the orator, and the other exercises were well adapted to teach the children the lessons of patriotism.

THE NORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDING.

I am happy to report that the recommendation made in my last annual report that an addition should be made to the North Grammar School building was approved by the School Committee and subsequently by the town, at the annual town meeting. During the summer vacation, the addition was erected and has since been occupied, affording welcome relief to an overcrowded school. I am glad to express the thanks of the teachers and pupils of the North Grammar School for this prompt action of the School Committee and the town.

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

The report of the principal of the Stetson High School is appended, setting forth the strong and earnest work of this

school. The development of the new departments of drawing and of typewriting and stenography is very gratifying. The work is still in its early stages in each of these subjects, but I see no reason to doubt that it will attain high excellence.

In my report a year ago I referred to the need which has long been felt of better provision for the accommodation of this school. It occupies a few rooms on the lower floor of the Town Hall. As is well known, they are dark, inconvenient and entirely inadequate to the needs of the school. What shall be done for the proper accommodation of the High School has long been a burning question in this town? It has resulted in driving many pupils away and preventing some from receiving the benefit of a High School education. In his annual report of a previous year, the principal of the school says :

“It is essential, if there is to be effective teaching, that our High School pupils be provided with a study room which shall be properly lighted and ventilated; our present rooms are very dark even on pleasant days, while in cloudy or stormy weather they are absolutely unfit for purposes of study by young people. The windows are so arranged as to give, in the main room, a cross-light, which is the worst light possible for a school-room. The bad effects of this cross-light are intensified by the fact that the ceiling is very low, so that the light comes almost horizontally across the room.

“Under these conditions very little of the blackboard surface of the room is visible from any one point, and pupils soon give up the attempt to follow demonstrations of work on the blackboard; only by continually moving from one part of the room to another is the teacher able to see work written on the board.

“A better room for work in science, adapted in some

degree at least to modern requirements, is a necessity. At present our physics and chemistry are taught in the girls' cloak room, an arrangement which is open to criticism; besides, there are few facilities at hand such as ought to be provided in a modern course in science. We are obliged to omit botany and astronomy."

In the same report from which the above extract is taken, the principal recommends that typewriting and drawing be added to the course. These have since been introduced, but there are no rooms available for them, and the instruction has to be given under great difficulties and disadvantages. Space is greatly needed for other work, as indicated in the report of the principal for the present year.

A properly equipped laboratory is a necessity in a high school at the present day. With the progress of modern science and its applications in the industries all about us, it is placing our boys and girls at too great a disadvantage to limit them for their science to a few laboratory articles placed many years ago in the girls' cloak room.

In view of these facts, I recommended a year ago that more suitable provision be made for the High School and mentioned three plans which had been proposed. First, the erection of a new building; second, the erection of a one-story study hall in the rear of the present building, and third, such changes as will give the school the use of the whole Stetson Hall building. The trustees, in their report, said that they felt that the time had come when the town must take action with regard to more comfortable and commodious quarters for this school. An article was placed in the town meeting warrant for the erection of an addition to the Stetson Hall building and was referred with other articles to a committee consisting of Messrs. John V. Beal, James E. Blanche, John H. Field, Rufus A. Thayer, Thomas J. Kiernan, Edward H. McMahon and Frank C. Granger. This committee reported unfavorably upon the plan pro-

posed, but said that "in the minds of the committee there was no doubt that our High School should be provided with rooms affording better light and other qualities conducive to the comfort and healthfulness of its pupils".

From the able report of this committee, discussing the various aspects of the subject, I quote the following passage :

"We live in an age in which we are expected to keep pace with the times.

"We therefore support water works and street lighting and a fire alarm, and much more that increases the rate of taxation, not wholly because of the advantages to be received therefrom, but partly because our neighboring towns afford such facilities. But in providing school-houses we may be regarded as having fallen in the rear. For a period of nearly fifty years we have built but two school-houses, namely, the Prescott in 1867 and the West Corner in 1892.

"That the town by comparison may measure its doings in the direction of providing school-houses, your committee have thought that it might prove profitable to present what some other towns have done in the last twenty-five years. A partial list is as follows :

Abington	.	.		\$67,800 00
Avon	.	.	1896	7,500 00
Braintree	.	.	1892-'00	78,000 00
Canton	.	.		26,000 00
Cohasset	.	.		51,200 00
Foxboro	.	.	1887-'03	53,600 00
Franklin	.	.	1880-'93	39,300 00
Holbrook	.	.	1882-'02	28,800 00
Needham	.	.		18,700 00
Norwood	.	.	1884-'03	72,000 00
Rockland	.	.		25,100,00
Sharon	.	.	1898-'00	20,500 00
Stoughton	.	.	1892-'03	41,500 00
Walpole	.	.	1885-'04	37,000 00
Weymouth	.	.	1881-'02	128,900 00"

In view of this report of the Committee on Appropriations and in view of the recommendations of the Trustees of the Stetson High School a year ago, I feel that I should respectfully renew my request that more adequate and suitable provision be made for the High School. While the teachers and every one concerned will cheerfully abide by the decision of the town and do the best they can with the facilities provided, the fact still remains that the town is suffering in its most important interests for lack of a suitable High School building. The neighboring town of Stoughton has recently erected a new building for its High School at a cost of \$15,000. The expense may, of course, be distributed over a term of years. Every interest in Randolph will feel a thrill of new life if she determines to provide for herself a new and appropriate High School building. What can more surely tend to her growth and prosperity, to give her honor at home and credit abroad, to attract suburban residents, bring new life and afford the best educational advantages to her boys and girls than a fitting abode for the school which stands so near the popular heart? And what could more surely tend to her discredit and financial loss than to decide that she cannot afford a suitable home for her time-honored Stetson High School?

CONCLUSION.

That our schools may constantly improve from year to year, affording to our boys and girls the best possible preparation for the opportunities and duties which await them, is the desire of all who are interested in the highest welfare of the community. Thanks are due to the members of the School Committee and to the teachers for their unceasing efforts to this end.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BRADLEY,

Superintendent.

APPENDIX

TO THE REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL STATISTICS,

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 8, 1903, AND ENDING JUNE 17, 1904.

TEACHERS.	SCHOOL.	GRADE.	Number enrolled.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	* Per cent of attendance.	Pupils neither absent nor tardy.	Grade promotions.
F. E. Chapin . . .	Stetson High	.	93	84.10	78.24	92.00	3	64
Katharine V. Fletcher	"	.						
Katharine F. Garrity	Prescott	8	39	32.26	31.28	96.91	2	25
Nelson Freeman . .	"	7	49	46.80	44.00	93.60	2	39
Katharine A. Kiley .	"	6	33	30.78	29.24	95.00	2	38
Mary A. Molloy . . .	"	5	50	49.00	44.00	91.00	0	46
Katharine A. Sheridan	"	4	38	36.00	34.00	94.00	0	32
Mary E. Wren . . .	"	3	40	37.70	35.65	93.94	3	36
Ellen E. McLaughlin	"	2	44	39.70	37.00	94.00	0	35
Fannie A. Campbell	"	1	44	36.00	34.00	94.00	1	32
Kittie R. Molloy . .	"	.						
Joseph Belcher . . .	North Grammar	7 and 8	49	46.50	44.00	95.00	0	41
Ellen P. Henry . . .	"	5 and 6	42	39.00	36.00	92.00	3	32
Sarah C. Belcher . .	"	3 and 4	45	35.00	33.00	94.00	0	33
Clara A. Tolman . . .	"	1 and 2	44	39.00	36.00	92.00	0	35
Hannah F. Hoyer . .	Tower Hill	4, 5 and 6	22	19.80	18.76	94.00	1	16
Katharine J. Riley . .	"	1, 2 and 3	18	16.20	14.32	88.39	0	15
Emma D. Stetson . .	Number 1	1-4	22	20.00	18.00	90.00	0	16
Lucie W. Lewis . . .	West Corner	1-4	40	34.00	28.00	82.00	1	32

* Per cent of attendance is based upon average membership.

SCHOOL STATISTICS,

SEPTEMBER 6 to DECEMBER 23, 1904.

TEACHERS.	SCHOOL.	GRADE.	Number enrolled.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	* Per cent of attendance.	Pupils neither absent nor tardy.
F. E. Chapin . . .	Stetson High		98	93.00	89.00	95.00	18
Katharine V. Fletcher . . .	"						
Katharine F. Garrity . . .	"						
Nelson Freeman . . .	Prescott	8	41	39.66	38.95	98.20	20
Katharine A. Kiley . . .	"	7	38	37.20	36.30	97.00	8
Mary A. Molloy . . .	"	6	48	47.50	46.00	97.00	15
Katharine E. Sheridan . . .	"	5	40	39.00	38.00	97.00	10
Mary E. Wren . . .	"	4	45	41.80	40.30	96.00	12
Ellen E. McLaughlin . . .	"	3	45	44.18	42.52	96.20	9
Fannie A. Campbell . . .	"	2	38	37.00	36.00	97.00	9
Kittie R. Molloy . . .	"	1	47	45.00	43.00	96.00	14
Joseph Belcher . . .	North Grammar	7 and 8	43	42.00	40.00	95.80	6
Ellen P. Henry . . .	"	5 and 6	40	38.00	35.00	93.00	5
Sarah C. Belcher . . .	"	3 and 4	42	40.00	38.00	95.00	11
Clara A. Tolman . . .	"	1 and 2	33	30.00	29.00	96.00	4
Hannah F. Hoye . . .	Tower Hill .	4-6	21	20.30	19.69	96.90	5
Katharine J. Riley . . .	"	1-3	16	14.63	13.96	95.40	0
Lucie W. Lewis . . .	West Corner	1-4	28	23.00	21.00	92.00	1

* Per cent of attendance is based upon average membership.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following are names of pupils who were neither absent
nor tardy during the school year, 1903-1904 :

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

Lester L. Payne.	Roger B. Willard.
Katharine E. Schrant.	

PRESCOTT SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade.

John Manning.	Joseph Sullivan.
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Seventh Grade.

Jesse Beal.	Edward Morgan.
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Third Grade.

Evelyn Curtis.	Blanche Farrell.
Anne Lyons.	

First Grade.

James Dowd.

NORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Seventh and Eighth Grades.

J. Russell Willard.

Fifth and Sixth Grades.

Gladys Porter.	Mabel Scott.
Corrinne Tileston.	

TOWER HILL SCHOOL.

Intermediate Grades.

Florence Webster.

WEST COMMON SCHOOL.

Harold Eddy.

Not absent nor tardy during two terms :

William Brown.	Albert Lynch.
Mary Leahy.	Alice McCarthy.
Clara Perry.	Herbert Foster.
Kathryn Henneberry.	Catharine Hoyer.
Marie Kinnier.	Caroline McDonald.
Kathleen Uniac.	Alice Murphy.
Cosette Dooley.	Nora O'Neil.
Charles Hand.	Gladys Vaughn.
Alice Dowd.	William Kiley.
Gertrude Bowles.	Leo Sullivan.
Margaret Strickland.	Frank Mullins.
Joseph Murphy.	Charles Spence.
Anna Dakota.	Neale O'Keefe.
Mary Leahy.	Harry Dolan.
Walter Farrell.	Henry Kiley.
Elizabeth O'Neil.	Florence Roddan.
Willie Gill.	John Rooney.
Charles Kiley.	Agnes O'Neil.
George Dolan.	Leo Kelliher.
Aloysius Murphy.	Mary Morgan.
Annie Madigan.	Joseph Dench.
Timothy O'Neil.	Willie Leahy.
John O'Brien.	Genevieve Meany.
Ernest Baker.	Frank Bromade.
Mary Meaney.	Frances Hayes.

Walter Coddens.
 Louie Schrant.
 Roger Willard.
 John Manning.
 Jesse Beal.
 Blanche Farrell.
 Russell Willard.
 Corrinne Tileston.
 Harold Eddy.

William Carroll.
 Lester Payne.
 Katharine Schraut.
 Joseph Sullivan.
 Edward Morgan.
 Anne Lyons.
 Gladys Porter.
 Mabel Scott.
 Florence Webster.

The following were not absent nor tardy during the fall term of the present year :

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

Katharine Elizabeth Forrest.	Lester Leo Payne.
Ray French Hayden.	Clara Gertrude Perry.
Thomas Francis Kiley.	Herbert Alfred Poole.
Nora Sullivan Malley.	Mildred Ethel Roberts.
Mary Regina McAuliffe.	Clifton Orrison Stetson.
Grace E. McCue.	Elizabeth Sullivan.
Blanche Meaney.	Anna Frances Sutton.
Helena Evelin Morgan.	John Russell Willard.
Alice Murphy.	Roger Bryant Willard.

PRESCOTT SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade.

Francis Cahill.	Charles Hand.
Norman Jones.	Robert Leahy.
Joseph Mahoney.	Frank McAuliffe.
William McAuliffe.	William McDonald.
Edward Morgan.	Harold Robbins.
William Tinney.	Nellie Desmond.
Alice Hand.	Geraldine Kennedy.

Winnifred McCabe.	Gertrude McMahon.
Kittie Meaney.	Nora O'Neil.
Abby Roddan.	Gladys Vaughn.

Seventh Grade.

Jesse Beal.	Gertrude Bowen.
Joseph Carroll.	Esther Farrell.
Robert Kelliher.	William McCue.
Michael O'Neil.	Ray Whalin.

Sixth Grade.

Mary Leahy.	Elizabeth O'Neil.
Blanche Marcille.	Elizabeth Sheehan.
Ralph Boyd.	Leo Denche.
Walter Farrell.	George Hollis.
William Jones.	Walter Keith.
James McDonald.	Cornelius O'Keefe.
Charles Spence.	Florence Roddan.
	Leo Sullivan.

Fifth Grade.

Willie Cunningham.	Ray Robbins.
Thomas Desmond.	Frank Woodman.
Abbie Lyons.	Edith Carroll.
Marie Sullivan.	Madeline Dillon.
Mary Rooney.	Annie Carroll.

Fourth Grade.

Mary O'Neil.	George Dolan.
Evelyne Curtis.	Leo Kelliher.
Blanche Farrell.	Willie Leavitt.
Estelle Jordan.	Marshall Leavitt.
Annie Lyons.	Francis Mahoney.
Agnes O'Neil.	John Purcell.

Third Grade.

Dorothy Brennan.	Annie Madigan.
Alice Keith.	May Morgan.
Alberta Wales.	Peter Collins.
Augusta Forrest.	Harold Jones.
Peter Madigan.	

Second Grade.

Alice Marcille.	Marjorie Sullivan.
Anna Wallace.	Joseph Condon.
Joseph Dench.	David Good.
William Lonergan.	Harold McDonald.
Joseph McNeil.	

First Grade.

Walter O'Leary.	Walter Carney.
James Donovan.	Thomas Lyons.
Arthur Brennan.	Francis Mullaney.
Francis O'Neil.	John Collins.
William Rooney.	Charles Cunningham.
Marion Leavitt.	Alice Desmond.
Margaret Foley.	Verna Pettee.

NORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Seventh and Eighth Grades.

William Connell.	Harry Hall.
Grace Bustard.	Mary Mahan.
Mabel Scott.	Corinne Tileston.
Catherine O'Neil.	

Fifth and Sixth Grades.

Alberta Bustard.	Evelyn Mahan.
Alice Hayden.	Gladys Porter.
Robert Gibson.	

Third and Fourth Grades.

Clarence Claff.	Arthur Lyons.
Elon Mason.	Charles McGrath.
Lawrence Mahan.	Flora Burrell.
Alice Connell.	Rena Libby.
Edith Mahan.	Dorothy Packard.
	Rena Wrisley.

First and Second Grades.

Gertrude Mahan.	Edith Ricker.
Harold Adams.	John Bustard.

TOWER HILL SCHOOL.

Intermediate Grades.

John Carroll.	Edward Fahey.
Charles Gallagher.	Elinor Smith.
	Florence Webster.

WEST CORNER SCHOOL.

Charles Huke.

SPECIAL ROLL OF HONOR.

The following have not been absent nor tardy for two years :

Lester Payne.	Roger Willard.
Edward Morgan.	

*REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF STETSON
HIGH SCHOOL.*

Dr. JOHN E. BRADLEY, *Superintendent of Schools*:

Dear Sir,—The conditions under which the Stetson High School is continuing its work are essentially the same as those presented by the report of one year ago. All the teachers have remained with the exception of Mr. George H. Crafts, who was succeeded in September by Miss Rose G. Hand. Our enrollment during the term beginning in September, 1904, was ninety-eight; this number is somewhat in excess of that to be looked for in a town of four thousand inhabitants, and, taking into consideration the slightly antiquated building in which the school is housed, would seem to indicate an earnest desire on the part of parents to keep pupils in school.

The yearly report of the principal of the Stetson High School is, beyond question, the proper medium for suggestions in relation to the policy and needs of the school; such suggestions have always been welcomed by the trustees and public, and while it is manifestly impossible to meet immediately all the demands made, yet they receive, ultimately, their proper consideration. Teachers realize fully that it is comparatively easy to outline a plan for improvement, but quite a different matter to carry the plan into execution and pay the bills.

There is, in our opinion, an opportunity to employ to advantage one additional teacher in the daily work of the school; comparison with the better high schools in the smaller towns of the state shows that other towns find it to their advantage to increase their teaching force. The Stetson High School has made no advance in this direction for nearly twenty years, continuing during the last two decades to employ a principal and two assistants.

It may be urged that the number of pupils is not increasing from year to year; this is true, and there is no reason to anticipate a decided addition to our enrollment in the immediate future. Not even a new high school building would, in our opinion, bring the number of pupils to a much greater total. The town of Stoughton, for instance, with a new and entirely adequate building, has only seventy pupils in its high school, yet Stoughton employs three regular assistant teachers, while in the Braintree high school there are four regular assistants. Any business man knows that changing business conditions must be met, and we submit, in all fairness, that the requirements of secondary education today are sufficiently exacting to demand an additional teacher in the Stetson High School. A review of the history of the school with regard to its teachers may throw some light on the discussion.

From 1843 to 1860 the principal of the school was the sole teacher; this was in accord with the ideas of the time, and does not indicate any lack of a progressive spirit in educational matters on the part of the patrons of the school. The Stetson School in those early days was for boys alone, while the course of study was so arranged as to enable a single teacher to do all the teaching to advantage.

In March, 1860, the town voted to admit girls, to employ a female assistant, and to make the school a town high school. For several years thereafter the school was taught by a principal and one assistant. From 1864 to 1872 the teaching was conducted by the principal alone. In 1872 an assistant was again employed, and, on the establishment of the English course of two years in 1886, a second assistant was added. From 1886 to the present time the school has been taught by a principal and two assistants. A third assistant must be added to the teaching force of the school in the near future if we are to meet the demands made upon us by the normal schools and colleges.

At present we have two pupils preparing for the State Normal examinations and four others who wish to enter college. The normal schools have been steadily increasing their demands, while the colleges require more and more each year as preliminary to entrance. To meet this demand the teachers have been obliged this year to conduct several recitations daily after school and to omit other subjects which are insisted upon by the higher institutions. It would seem that good business policy dictates either that we give up all attempt to prepare pupils for entrance to colleges and normal schools, or that another teacher be added. Our teachers feel that they are equal to the task of preparing pupils to enter higher institutions of learning if they have a fair opportunity to do so, but it seems hardly just to either pupils or teachers to ask that regular recitations be conducted after school each day, and also the teachers hear classes recite in the evening in order to meet the demands of the situation.

It has often been the case, too, that pupils who fail in the daily work of the school cannot be kept for further work after school, because that time is occupied by these regular recitations which are crowded out of our daily program. Our course in English ought to be continuous throughout the four years, and should include much more theme work than we are at present able to include in it. We have attempted to overcome, in part, this deficiency by assigning themes for development, and correcting papers without any regular class work. This does not, however, fully satisfy the demands of the case; our work in physics and chemistry is narrowed down to giving the elements of chemistry to those who wish to enter college.

One division in algebra which recites throughout the year contains from forty to fifty pupils and has numbered, for a time, over fifty. Good work, holding the interest

of each pupil, is almost out of the question under these conditions. Now it does not seem probable that we can escape the responsibility of preparing pupils for normal school and college, nor do we wish to do so. We feel confident that a careful examination of the facts in the case on the part of the trustees will convince them that the time has come to add another teacher to the faculty of the school.

Our present daily program calls for two sessions with an hour's intermission from twelve to one o'clock. Many of our pupils bring their dinners. There is no objection to having the building occupied at noon by pupils without the supervision of a teacher, but experience shows that it would be desirable to have the boys occupy, during the noon hour, some room where they may have more freedom than is possible in our class rooms. Why cannot a solution of this problem be effected by giving the boys a room in the unoccupied building in the rear of Stetson Hall? The noon hour ought to afford an opportunity for more or less noisy recreation to growing boys; but, to repeat, such relaxation as is needed seems out of the question in the confined limits of the school building.

Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the possession of a good school reference library. We have been adding books slowly during the past few years. The immediate and constant use to which these books have been put prompts the hope that the trustees will find the way open to give us one or two encyclopedias and other additional books such as high school pupils ought to have always at hand. These supplies are costly, but the money expended in this manner is well invested. The poverty of our reference library is shown by the fact that our only usable encyclopedia is the old edition of Chambers' purchased nearly ten years ago. So much has this set been used that rebinding has been necessary.

Our drawing is now arranged so that Miss Woodbury meets the several classes of the school separately, and the work is graded to allow development from year to year. The drawing divisions assemble in the south recitation room, which has been fitted up with desks. Under this arrangement the drawing has made a decided advance; there is now no interruption of the regular work of the school by the instruction in drawing, as was the case last year when Miss Woodbury was obliged to meet several classes together in the main room. The pupils who elect to take drawing show great interest in their work, and we feel that we must commend Miss Woodbury for the good results she is able to secure.

Miss Powers has arranged to give instruction in Stenography three times each week, meeting her divisions in the trustees' room; the typewriting periods are arranged so that each pupil may use his machine forty-five minutes each day, and, if he chooses to remain after school, as is frequently the case, he may increase his daily allowance. Two of the machines in use are Remingtons and one Smith. They are all in good condition and would seem to be adapted to survive the attacks of beginners for an indefinite period. Although we are obliged to place these machines where they are accessible to all the pupils, they have not been meddled with by those not in the typewriting divisions. The Chandler system, which Miss Powers teaches, is the system almost universally adopted in the public schools of New England, is the system approved by the state normal schools and used by them, and, in all respects, is an admirable shorthand system. Every pupil taking the course this year appears to be very much interested in the work, and to be making good progress. One of the graduates of last June is continuing her studies in shorthand at the Chandler Normal School in Boston, preparatory to becoming a teacher of the system.

Our music is progressing very satisfactorily. Miss Hand has been able to give some extra time to her work, meeting pupils after school and at her home. This interest on her part, together with her individual acquaintance with so many of the pupils, and her spirit of surmounting difficulties, has resulted in unusually good singing, and we feel confident that many of our pupils are acquiring a thorough knowledge of the rudiments of singing. The singing period ought to be a time of earnest work, but, to another sense, it ought to be the occasion to which pupils look forward with pleasure, and, to this extent, to afford a certain relaxation. It is worthy of note that at present nearly all the boys in the school are doing their share of the singing and making good progress. This is all the more satisfactory since visits to other high schools and reports of the teachers of music of nearby towns show that high school boys do not in all cases take a very active part in the school singing. This comparison certainly shows that the instruction in music during the present year has been productive of most creditable results.

As in the past, the trustees have met our requests for supplies in a liberal spirit. At the beginning of the winter term chairs with arms suitable for writing were placed in the north recitation room. This has been a very decided improvement over the settees on which so many generations of pupils have sat.

The class of 1894 presented to the school in June a frieze entitled "The Triumphal Entry of Alexander into Babylon." This frieze is in five sections and measures nearly twenty feet in length. It occupies a prominent place in the main room, resting upon a moulding made especially for the purpose, and is set off by a background of green burlap.

"Parents rarely visit the school." This is the universal report from all our public schools. It is probably useless to lament the disappearance of a custom which once filled

our school register with the name of those who thus showed their interest in both teacher and pupils. The many invitations extended personally by the teachers of the Stetson High School during the past year to parents and other citizens of the town have resulted in only a few visits.

During the past year, as in former years, the teachers of the school have been helped constantly in their work by the suggestions and active interest of the Superintendent of Schools. For this spirit of comradeship and earnest striving after the goal of mutual helpfulness we wish to thank him, and to give assurance of our renewed devotion to the best interests of pupils and parents.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. CHAPIN.

The exercises of the fifty-ninth annual commencement occurred on the evening of June 26, 1903.

The Turner medals were awarded to Miss Mary W. Henderson, the valedictorian, and Miss Carolyn L. McCue, the salutatorian.

GRADUATES.

June, 1904.

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

Latin Course.

Ina Gertrude Good.	Ruth Marion Knight.
Mary Wallace Henderson	Mary Frances Malley.
Hazel Henrietta Huke.	Carolyn Louise McCue.

English Course.

Ida Augusta Faunce.

NORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Merle Leon Averell.	William Griffith Jones.
Addie Louise Bromade.	Harvey Gilbert Lyons.
Edna Frances Bump.	Annie Eliza Mann.
John Joseph Connell.	Genevieve Meaney.
Elsie Ida Fischer.	Clarence Herbert Niles.
James Leo Gallagher.	Clarence Herbert Payne.
Ray French Hayden.	Bertie Arthur Reed.
John Alexander Henderson.	Mildred Ethel Roberts.
Gertrude Marie Howard.	Dorothea Helen Swindells.
Charles Henry Jones.	John Russell Willard.

PRESCOTT SCHOOL.

Harold W. Alden.	James E. Mulligan.
Willie Brennan.	Alice Murphy.
James Dolan.	May O'Keete.
Lawrence Garvey.	Marshall F. Robbins.
Kathryn Henneberry.	Vesta D. Ruggles.
Catherine Hoyer.	Kittie Shepard.
Clara M. Jones.	Marguerite F. Shepard.
Nora Malley.	Bessie Sullivan.
John Manning.	Joseph Sullivan.
Grace A. McCue.	Matthew Tierney.
Caroline McDonald.	Kathleen Uniac.
Mary McMahon	Josephine Walsh.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

EAST MILTON, January 20, 1905.

Dr. JOHN E. BRADLEY, *Superintendent of Schools*:

Dear Sir,—In whatever line of work one is interested, success depends upon regular, steady practice until skill and excellence are attained. Drawing—a branch of manual training—is but another form of mental training. Therefore it is the duty of the teacher to so guide the child that its first idea and impression be in the right direction.

The addition of one day a week to my time has brought about some important changes, the best of which is in the High School, twice as much time being given as has been before to the High School, so that we have two periods each week for mechanical drawing and two for free-hand drawing, thus giving an opportunity to do real high school work and creating the proper spirit for such work.

Another change has been the introduction of a specific outline in each grade. This helps the teachers to follow the year's work along step by step, and also shows the gradation in the different grades. A lesson is also given in each room at every visit, which is the most helpful thing a supervisor can do. So much more can be accomplished when there is plenty of time to teach and to assist the regular teachers in the work for the following week.

Considering the fact that we have had drawing in our schools for so short a time, I feel very much gratified at the results and desire to say that the greater part of the credit is due to the teachers who have so willingly and carefully carried out my suggestions and directions. We hope, however, for many improvements yet—improvements which can come only through many years of training.

Very truly yours,

KATHARINE WOODBURY,

Supervisor of Drawing.

*REPORT OF THE SPECIAL TEACHER OF
TYPEWRITING AND STENOGRAPHY.*

Dr. JOHN E. BRADLEY, *Superintendent of Schools:*

Dear Sir,—Although the first year of shorthand and typewriting in the Stetson High School ended quite favorably, this year will be more so, since the present finishing class will have completed two years of this work.

The fundamental principles having been learned, we are now taking up everything that will be expected of an amanuensis in a business office.

The present beginning class is doing very good work and they are so interested in it that it is a constant pleasure to teach them.

This year we have a new typewriter, which is constantly in use and greatly appreciated.

I take this opportunity to thank you and Mr. Chapin, principal of Stetson High School, for your hearty support, which is quite essential for success.

Very respectfully submitted,

MARGARET LOUISE POWERS,
Teacher of Shorthand and Typewriting.

REPORTS OF THE TRUANT OFFICERS.

RANDOLPH, January 16, 1905.

Prof. JOHN E. BRADLEY, *Superintendent:*

Dear Sir,—During the year 1904 I have been called upon to investigate twelve cases—six cases of truancy and six cases where the parents were mostly at fault. In some of the cases where the parents kept their children at home I have had to read the school laws and penalties to them. In one case I

left a copy of the laws and penalties with the parents of the child so as to impress it on his memory.

Yours respectfully,

FRANK J. DONAHOE,
Truant Officer.

RANDOLPH, January 3, 1905.

Prof. JOHN E. BRADLEY :

Dear Sir,—The past year has been at times marked by several cases of persistent truancy, but I am happy to say that by prompt and earnest action everything is at the present time moving along in a very satisfactory manner.

Very truly yours,

NELSON MANN,
Truant Officer.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Board of Selectmen :

Gentlemen,— The following is submitted as the report of the Engineers of the Fire Department :

On May 19, 1904, organized as follows :

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

C. A. Wales, *Chief*; D. J. Brennan, J. E. Blanche, J. W. Farrell, *Assistants*; W. A. Croak, *Assistant and Clerk*.

APPARATUS AND COMPANIES.

Chemical Engine : James E. Blanche, *Driver*.

Ladder Truck : Frank W. Harris, *Driver*.

Hose Wagon 1 : C. H. Nichols, *Driver*.

Hose Reel 2 : Joseph Riley, *Driver*.

Hose Co. No. 1 : M. F. Sullivan, *Foreman*, 12 men.

Hose Co. No. 2 : J. B. Clark, *Foreman*, 12 men.

Ladder Co. No. 1 : C. S. Dolan, *Foreman*, 12 men.

Chemical Co. : Edward Meany, *Foreman*, 12 men.

FIRES.

February 25, 1904, alarm at 2.13 P. M., from Box 43 for fire in dwelling on Main street, owned and occupied by W. Ray Spear; cause, overheated stovepipe; all out signal 3.16 P. M.

March 13, alarm at 2 P. M., from Box 42 for fire on roof of building on Main street, owned and occupied as blacksmith and carriage factory by F. H. Langley; cause, spark from chimney; all out 2.15 P. M.

March 30, a needless alarm from Box 42, at 12.59 P. M., for grass fire on land owned by heirs of the late Jonathan Belcher, north of Pleasant and east of Main streets; all out 1.05 P. M.

April 4, woodland fire north of Grove street.

April 5, a needless alarm at 12.01 P. M., for grass fire on South street, in rear of residence of the late Peter Mahon; all out 12.09 P. M.

April 6, 3 P. M., fire in woodland near Tower Hill.

April 10, woodland fire on Oak street.

April 19, alarm at 1.24 A. M., from Box 31 for fire in a small barn on Mill street, owned and occupied by Francis H. Walsh; barn and contents were destroyed, including a horse; all out 1.53 A. M.

April 21, alarm at 4.05 P. M., from Box 56 for fire in woodland north of Grove street; all out 4.31 P. M.

April 23, alarm at 4.06 P. M., from Box 34 for fire near residence of Abijah Farrer, south side of Oak street; all out 4.46 P. M.

April 25, alarm at 7.29 P. M., from Box 61 for fire in woodland west of High street, opposite Chestnut street; needless; all out 7.45 P. M.

May 3, Chief Wales called to woodland fire east of North and north of Mill street.

May 7, on a still alarm in the early forenoon Hose 2 was called to house on North street occupied by Thomas Dee; owner unknown.

May 8, alarm at 1.29 A. M., from Box 52 for fire in building on Depot square, owned and occupied by Michael Holden as a pool room, which was destroyed; the fire communicated with the residence of Holden, which was damaged in the roof. Some one, without orders, pulled Box 52 at 1.36 A. M.; cause, incendiary; all out 2.45 A. M.

May 29, alarm at 3.30 A. M., from Box 34 for fire in building

on North street, owned and occupied by J. K. Willard as a tallow factory; incendiary; all out 4.28 A.M.

May 29, fire in woodland near cemeteries.

May 31, false alarm from Box 31 at 2.55 A.M.; all out 3.06 A.M.

June 19, alarm at 5.16 P.M., from Box 46 for fire in woodland south side of Oak street, opposite Pond lane; all out signal 5.47 P.M. This was a needless alarm.

July 3, alarm at 10.00 A.M., from Box 26 for fire on roof of dwelling owned and occupied by heirs of the late John Knight on South Main street; cause, fire crackers; all out 10.09 A.M.

August 5, on a still alarm at 2.00 P.M., Hose 1 and Chemical Engine were called to dwelling on North street owned by Lincoln Stetson and occupied by Thomas Morse; defective chimney.

August 10, false alarm at 3.05 A.M., from Box 31; all out 3.20 A.M.

August 26, about 11.00 A.M., Chief Wales received telephone call from Holbrook for help at fire of the Chevney factory and the Daly Hotel. Chief Wales responded with Hose 1 and several men.

October 20, alarm at 12.45 A.M., from Box 52 for fire in unoccupied dwelling on Fowler street owned by heirs of the late Michael Sheridan; incendiary; all out 2.20 A.M.

October 16, woodland fire alongside N. Y., N. H. and Hartford Railroad, south of the station.

November 7, on a still alarm about 7.00 A.M., Hose 2 was called to the Boston School for the Deaf on North Main street, where a fire was smoldering in the coal bunker. It was nearly an all day job before the fire was out.

December 2, woodland fire west side of North street, rear of H. H. Shedd's.

EXTENSION OF FIRE ALARM ON CANTON STREET TO BOX 41,
JUNCTION OF CANTON AND HIGH STREET.

Paid Gamewell Fire Alarm Co.	\$134 27
A. R. Whittier, 10 poles	12 50
H. S. Faunce, carting poles	7 50
W. Mahady, J. M. Jones, labor	15 00
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	\$169 27
Cash for material sold	6 69
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	\$162 58
Appropriation	150 00
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	\$12 58

EXPENSES.

Paid 48 men, \$12 each	\$576 00
48 men, 312 hours at 50 cents	156 00
48 men, 35 hours at 25 cents	8 75
Woodland fires	74 75
Board of Engineers, fire service	38 50
C. H. Nichols, hauling apparatus, 1 year,	400 00
C. H. Nichols, expressing, teams, etc.	12 83
J. E. Blanche, hauling chemical, 1 year	92 00
James Riley, hauling hose reel	12 00
J. E. Blanche, care of chemical engine	61 00
F. J. Donahoe and assistant steward	101 25
W. M. Howard, steward	18 50
William O'Holloran, steward	13 50
Fred Pinkham, care of alarm	45 84
Alfred L. Abbot, care of alarm	51 04

Paid Doughty Estate, steam for whistle . . .	\$50 00
Electric Light Co., light service . . .	15 43
Electric Light Co., meter rental, 2 years, to January, 1906	4 00
C. A. Wales and others, shoveling snow . . .	12 25
James Riley, rent of land	15 00
D. B. White, coal	78 25
M. E. Leahy, wood and coal	27 88
Heirs of Ellen Grady, rent of land . . .	10 00
B. F. Hayden, use of pung	5 00
F. Snell, use of pung	5 00
James Fardy, labor and material	21 30
James M. Baker, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, hose carrier . . .	6 00
Mitchell Valve Co., repairs of valve . . .	8 30
Mitchell Valve Co., new valve for whistle,	25 00
J. White Belcher, insurance on Steamer 1, horse reel 2 and 2500 ft. of hose, 3 years,	63 52
Also chemical engine and house, 3 years . .	45 20
W. E. Decrow, vitriol, zinc, copper, etc. . .	48 48
W. E. Decrow, other supplies	3 10
Arthur W. Alden, janitor	2 00
C. F. Lyons, supplies	2 44
R. McAuliffe, steward	9 60
Hartford Insurance and Inspection Co. . .	15 00
F. J. Donahoe, supplies	2 00
American Locomotive Works, expert . . .	12 00
F. A. French, telephone	1 10
C. A. Wales and others, fire service at Boston School for the Deaf	9 75
Lyons Express	50
W. E. Decrow, general repairs, alarm . . .	9 30
W. E. Decrow, wire for battery	40
W. E. Decrow, repairs, Box 54	5 25
W. E. Decrow, labor on whistle machine,	4 40

Paid W. E. Decrow, supplies	.	.	.	\$10 80
E. Thayer, supplies	.	.	.	32
R. E. O'Brien	.	.	.	5 65
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				\$2,195 18
Appropriation	.	.	.	\$2,261 00
Expense	.	.	.	2,195 18
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Unexpended	.	.	.	\$65 82

APPARATUS AND HOSE.

The equipment of the department is as follows : One hose wagon, one hose reel (horse), one small reel (hand), one ladder truck, one chemical engine, about 2,500 feet of hose, extra ladders, etc.

The above are in good condition as far as can be seen at present.

We wish to call the attention of the town to the fact that they own a steamer that is useless in its present condition for fire purposes in case of accident to our water system. One year ago we reported this condition of the steamer and gave estimates of the expense to put the steamer in condition for active service; which was that for about \$300 it could probably be made to do service for a brief period, and that for about \$1100, it could be put in condition, that would make it as good as a new steamer that will cost \$5000. We therefore repeat our former opinion on this subject that the town ought to put the steamer in condition for active service. We would, therefore, recommend that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1100 to put the steamer in proper condition for fire service.

HOUSES.

The houses need paint, and more especially the window sashes must be attended to the coming season, and if possible one of the houses receive a coat of paint.

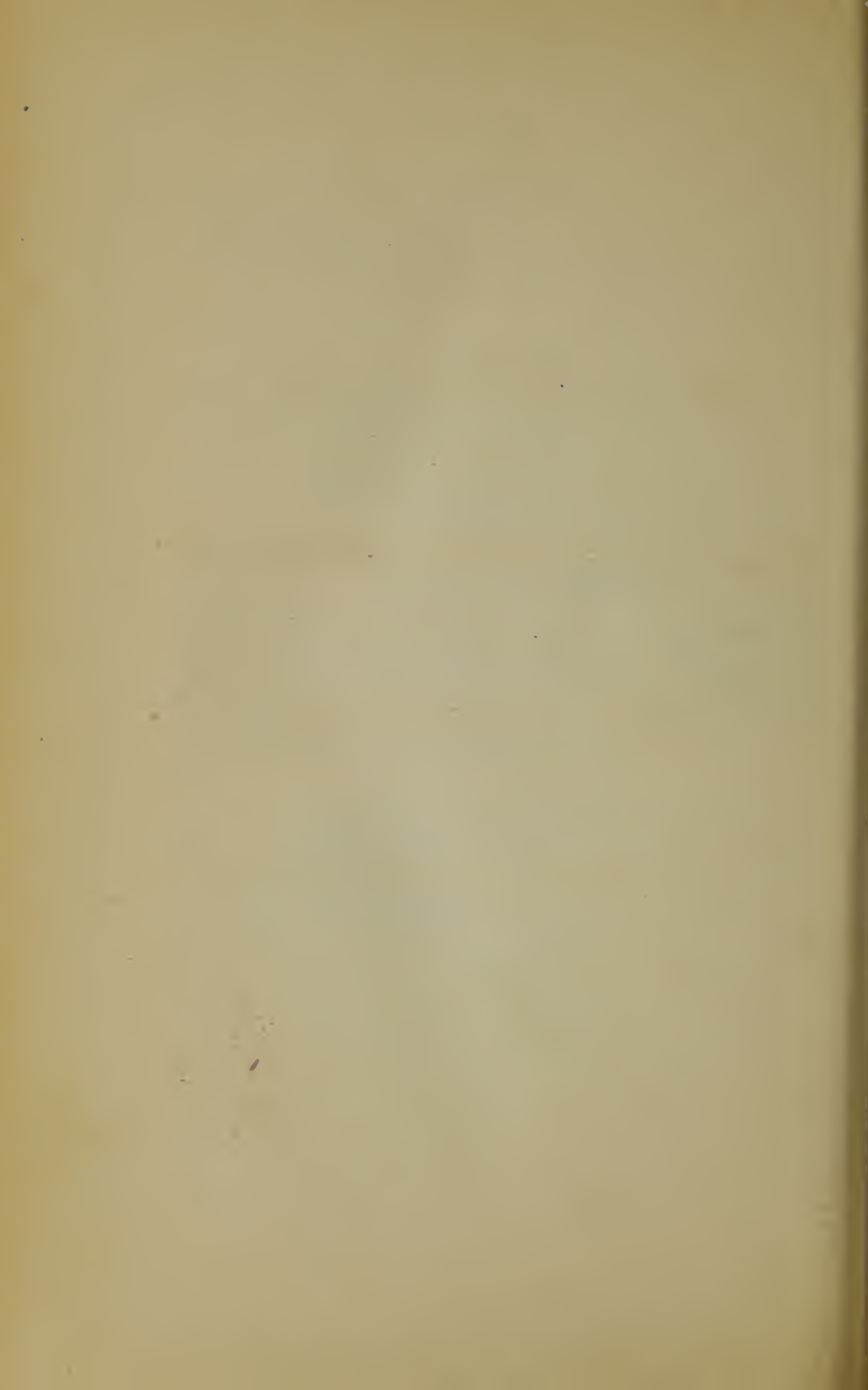
FIRE ALARM.

The system has needed some extra attention the past year as will be seen by the expense account; this is due in part to the elements of wind and storm, and also to the presence of many wires on our streets with so many trees.

We would recommend the following:

Miscellaneous expenses	\$1,100 00
Pay of 48 men, \$12 each	576 00
Hour service	275 00
Woodland fires	100 00
Fire alarms	175 00
Repair of steamer	1,100 00
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	\$3,326 00

C. A. WALES,
D. J. BRENNAN,
JAS. E. BLANCHE,
WM. A. CROAK,
Engineers.



NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WATER COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

To the Citizens of Randolph:

The nineteenth annual report of the Water Commissioners for the year ending December 31, 1904, is hereby submitted. The water as shown by the analysis of the State Board of Health is fully as pure as it has been in former years, and we intend to keep it so. The water shed is being closely watched and we have instructions from the State Board of Health which will be enforced as we think necessary to prevent any pollution of the waters of the pond. We have this year, as in past years, removed as much as possible the grass and rushes growing in the pond, and the past summer, on account of the extremely low water, were enabled to remove much more than usual. There have been several leaks in the mains caused by the lead blowing out of the joints, one bad one in the swamp that cost about twenty-five dollars to repair. The pumping station and everything connected with it except the old boiler and feed pump is in good condition, and we have been exceedingly fortunate in having this boiler with the fractured plates run us through the year, and we hope to make it last a while longer or until such time as the insurance company will accept it without reducing the pressure which they now allow. We may be obliged to replace it with a new one this year and we have got to be prepared to meet the payment for it.

The financial showing by our Treasurer, Joseph T. Leahy,

is very satisfactory to us, and the large balance we show enables us to reduce the amount appropriated by the town for hydrant service and public use one thousand dollars.

Orders were drawn on the Treasurer amounting to \$9,591.62, not including the amount appropriated for the sinking fund, as follows:

On account of Joint maintenance . . .	\$2,008 64
Randolph maintenance . . .	6,949 28
Randolph construction, service pipe	633 70
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	\$9,591 62

EXPENDITURES.

JOINT WORKS MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Paid James F. Boyle, labor . . .	\$2 00
Edward Donahoe, labor . . .	6 00
Thomas Duff, labor . . .	7 50
Timothy Lyons, team . . .	11 50
Richard F. Forrest, labor . . .	288 30
Crosby Steam Gage Co. . .	37 50
D. B. White, coal . . .	656 72
Robert Johnson . . .	10 28
E. M. Walker . . .	12 50
New England Telephone Co. . .	34 37
John Dunn, labor . . .	65 50
Mrs. Rufus Mann, cleaning . . .	2 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight, . . .	1 27
James Fardy, blacksmithing . . .	36 25
Morton Holbrook, labor . . .	14 75
Maurice Faunce, labor . . .	1 00
John L. Galvin & Co., coal . . .	568 82
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co. . .	7 04

Paid Warren Steam Pump Co. . .	\$14 91
Eagle Oil & Supply Co. . .	43 43
Edwin M. Mann, wood . .	2 75
Charles H. Nichols, express and team	38 80
Walworth Mfg. Co. . .	7 83
E. W. Campagna, repairs . .	2 45
James E. Neary, labor . .	2 00
Michael Stanton, labor . .	2 00
Underhay Oil Co., . .	29 45
Edson Mfg. Co	1 90
R. E. O'Brien, supplies . .	4 07
Terence Hageney, labor . .	4 50
Charles A. Perry, labor . .	4 50
M. J. O'Connell, labor . .	4 50
Augustus Forrest, labor . .	6 00
Eugene Thayer, supplies . .	13 34
Waldo Bros., brick . . .	13 00
C. Fred Lyons, supplies . .	15 04
W. D. Hatchfield, blacksmithing, .	8 40
F. W. Hayden & Co., supplies, .	3 47
Randolph Clothing Co., rubber boots, .	5 50
J. White Belcher, insurance . .	6 30
Fred A. French, telephone . .	9 30
C. D. Hill, supplies . . .	1 90
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Paid by Holbrook.

Paid E. J. T. Dexter, salary . .	\$1,100 00
Gaston, Snow & Saltonstall . .	200 00
Sumner & Goodwin, supplies . .	6 76
John L. Galvin, coal . . .	272 65
Frank G. Morse, team, etc. . .	4 00
F. O. Wetherell, horse blanket, .	5 00

Paid C. H. McCarter, blacksmithing	\$7 95
George T. Wilde, supplies .	7 88
C. J. Dugan, teams . .	6 50
E. A. Reed, mason work .	13 42
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	\$1,624 16
Total paid on joint account	<hr/>
	\$3,632 80
One-half paid by each town	1,816 40
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Paid by Holbrook, sundry bills as above . .	\$1,624 16
by Holbrook, balance joint account . .	192 24
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	\$1,816 40

RANDOLPH MAINTENANCE.

Paid Interest on water bonds	\$5,392 66
William Mahady, labor	3 50
Timothy Lyons, express	18 15
Richard F. Forrest, labor	278 57
City of Brockton, pipe	9 30
James Thompson, supplies	1 76
Chadwick Boston Lead Co. . . .	3 20
National Meter Co., meters	347 00
Daniel H. Huxford, printing	55 75
Morton Holbrook, labor	33 88
W. L. M. McAdams, books	3 65
Boston Safe Deposit Co., box rent . .	10 00
Arthur W. Alden, labor	6 00
J. F. Harty, labor	50
Hersey Water Co., repairs	89
A. J. Johnson, labor	50
John Dunn, labor	2 00
Terence Hageney, labor	8 00
John Gill, labor	7 75

Paid Somerville Savings Bank Institute . .	\$120 00
Herbert A. Howard, postage . . .	6 44
Frank H. Langley, bolts . . .	45
Charles H. Nichols, use of horse . .	147 65
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies . . .	4 74
Edward J. Donahoe, labor . . .	3 88
William C. Barry, labor . . .	2 00
James E. Neary, labor . . .	7 00
M. Stanton, labor . . .	2 00
Union Meter Co., meter . . .	10 40
Elmer B. Holbrook, labor . . .	4 00
Augustus Forrest, labor . . .	6 00
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., supplies . .	14 85
Laffin-Rand Powder Co., dynamite . .	14 21
James Fardy, blacksmithing . . .	3 20
Edwin M. Mann, wood . . .	60
H. C. Dimond Co., stamp . . .	2 50
Joseph T. Leahy, cash paid . . .	8 00
C. Fred Lyons, supplies . . .	4 95
W. D. Hatchfield, labor . . .	2 90
Frank H. Langley, bolts . . .	45
Daniel B. White, services . . .	150 00
A. Howard Holbrook, services . . .	125 00
James B. McDonald, services . . .	125 00
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	\$6,949 28

RANDOLPH CONSTRUCTION.

SERVICE PIPE.

Paid Timothy Lyons, teams and express . .	\$13 50
Sumner Goodwin Co., supplies . . .	154 72
Terence Hageney, labor . . .	17 00
John Gill, labor . . .	3 00
Michael Halpin, labor . . .	4 25

Paid Morton Holbrook, labor	\$24 25
City of Brockton, pipe and labor	331 45
Edwin M. Mann	4 00
Charles H. Nichols, carting pipe	20 00
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	3 25
William Johnson, labor	1 00
William C. Barry, labor	4 00
Michael Stanton, labor	4 00
M. J. O'Connell, labor	2 00
Edward Donahoe, labor	6 00
James E. Neary, labor	7 00
Augustus Forrest, labor	11 00
R. E. O'Brien, supplies	17 86
Thomas Duff, labor	1 63
Avon Water Works, pipe	3 79
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	\$633 70

RECEIPTS.

Cash for Water rates fixed	\$5,401 03
Meter rates and rentals	1,899 54
Labor and teams	74 65
Service pipe and labor	126 57
Fixtures, 6-inch pipe and labor	406 28
Dynamite and caps	19 74
Use of pump	2 50
Repairing frozen meter	10 00
Cash from Fred E. Ellis	48 00
Cash from Holbrook, balance joint account	192 24
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	\$8,180 55
Less rebates	42 00
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	\$8,138 55
Cash paid Treasurer	\$8,138 55

There is due the department from sundry persons as follows :

For Water rates fixed	\$502 22
Water meters and rentals	449 93
Service pipe	13 47

The Commissioners recommend appropriations for the ensuing year as follows :

For contribution to the sinking fund	\$2,500 00
water for hydrants and public use	1,000 00

DANIEL B. WHITE,
A. HOWARD HOLBROOK,
JAMES B. McDONALD,
Water Commissioners.

RANDOLPH, MASS., February 1, 1905.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Randolph, have this day examined the accounts of the Water Commissioners and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn on the Treasurer.

M. F. CUNNINGHAM,
JEREMIAH J. DESMOND,
JOHN B. WREN,
Auditors.

To the Water Commissioners of Randolph:

Gentlemen,—I submit to you my seventeenth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1904.

With the exception of such general wear as is to be expected in a plant of this size, everything is about the same as at the end of last year.

I would again bring to your attention the necessity of preparing to replace our old boiler with a new one in the near future, as the insurance company threatens to reduce the pressure allowed, and when that is done we shall be unable to do the work with it, as we are now running it at the lowest pressure that will operate the engines satisfactory. Our boiler feed pump mentioned in last year's report has held out through the year but is liable to give out at any time beyond repair, as the metal it is constructed of is so affected by the action of the water that it is surprising it has held out so long. Beyond this there are no repairs in sight, and I have every reason to believe that the maintenance account at the station will be small the coming year.

Following is the usual table :

DATE.	Water pumped, gallons.	Daily average water pumped.	Coal burned, pounds.	Daily average coal burned.
January . . .	7,026,572	266,983	50,641	1,633
February . . .	7,002,176	250,078	50,589	1,449
March . . .	7,687,890	248,000	54,768	1,767
April . . .	6,604,780	220,239	52,309	1,743
May . . .	7,277,434	234,759	51,868	1,670
June . . .	9,171,890	305,729	57,310	1,910
July . . .	12,061,651	390,085	73,558	2,372
August . . .	10,878,973	350,934	67,133	2,165
September . . .	8,827,651	294,251	54,694	1,829
October . . .	6,237,371	200,205	45,675	1,473
November . . .	6,398,616	213,290	47,320	1,577
December . . .	4,986,720	160,862	38,734	1,249
Totals. . .	94,161,724	257,325	644,599	1,761

Increase over last year, 9,048,732 gallons.

Largest day's work, July 18. 714,735 gallons.

Largest week's work, week ending July 23, 366,229 gallons.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. T. DEXTER,

Engineer.

Randolph and Holbrook Water Works, Randolph, Mass.:

The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company make the following report of the condition of your steam boiler inspected on the twenty-third day of November, 1904, by Inspector C. H. Morse.

One H. T. Boiler, No. 1.

Internally.—The shell plates, heads and tubes were free from scale or deposit. Bracing was sound and taut, and openings to steam and water connections were clear. The fusible plug was in good order.

Externally.—The fire surfaces were free from burns or fractures. Seams and tube ends were tight. Boiler appliances were in good order. Brick work at this time was being repaired. Pressure gauge was correct.

Yours respectfully,

C. E. ROBERTS,

Manager.

Boston, Mass., November 28th, 1904.

Randolph and Holbrook Water Works, Randolph, Mass.:

The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company make the following report of the condition of your steam boiler inspected on the twenty-eighth day of December, 1904, by Inspector C. H. Morse.

One H. T. Boiler, No. 2.

Internally.—The surfaces of shell plates, heads and tubes are practically clean. On the lower part of the first course near the hand holes the plates are corroded, the latter being in the form of pitting. This is old and is not active at present. Bracing was sound and taut. No other defects were noted at laps or flanges. Openings to steam and water connections were clear. The fusible plug was in good order.

Externally.—The patch on first course and also on second course show no signs of distress or leakage. Seams and tube ends were tight. The safety-valve and other boiler attachments were in good repair. Pressure gauge was practically correct. This boiler shows general deterioration and as the patches are but single riveted we would advise, as has been previously recommended, that the matter of replacing this boiler with a new one meet with your early consideration, as a material reduction in pressure will soon become necessary for safety.

Yours respectfully,

C. E. ROBERTS,

Manager.

Boston, Mass., December 30th, 1904.

STATE ANALYSIS OF THE WATER OF GREAT POND.

May.—Turbidity, slight; sediment, slight; odor, faintly unpleasant.

August.—Turbidity, slight; sediment, very slight; odor, faintly vegetable.

November.—Turbidity, very slight; sediment, very slight; odor, distinctly vegetable.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following regulations, until further notice, shall be considered a part of the contract with every person who uses water :

1. All applications for the use of water must be made at the office of the Water Commissioners, and state fully the purposes for which it is intended to be used. Water will not be introduced into any building or premises except on the written application of the owner thereof, or by a duly authorized agent. The property will in all cases be held responsible for the water rates.

2. All persons taking water must keep their water pipes and fixtures in good repair and protected from the frost at their own expense. They will be held liable for all damages resulting from their failure to do so. They shall prevent all unnecessary waste, and water shall not be left running to prevent freezing. The Water Commissioners or their agent may, from time to time, ascertain the quantity of water used, the manner of its use, and whether there is any unnecessary waste. They and their agents shall have free access to the premises supplied, to examine the apparatus, and if any fixtures are found not to be in good order, they shall direct them repaired, and if not repaired within two days the water shall be shut off and not let on again until such repairs are made, and the sum of two dollars paid for shutting off and turning on the water.

3. The occupant of any premises, when unnecessary waste of water occurs, shall be liable to a fine of two dollars for the first offence, and four dollars for the second offence during the same year, and shall be notified thereof in writing ; and if such waste is not prevented and the fine aforesaid paid

within two days from the time when the said notice is given, the water shall be shut off from the premises, and shall not be again let on for the same occupant until the waste be stopped and the fine paid, together with an additional sum of two dollars for shutting off and letting on the water; and in case of a third or subsequent offence the water shall be shut off, and shall not again be let on except by a vote of the Water Commissioners and the payment of such fine, not exceeding ten dollars, as the Water Commissioners may impose.

4. Any person supplied with water shall not allow another to take water from their fixtures without the written permission of the Water Commissioners. If any tenant, having no fixtures, has any use of such fixtures, full rates will be charged for such use by each tenant.

5. All parties using water in stables, for horses or other animals, will be charged schedule rates for the same, whether it be carried by hand or through hose.

6. All persons using water for building purposes are required to obtain a permit from the Water Commissioners before taking water from any faucet or fixture connected with the water works, and all water takers are warned not to let any party take water from their premises until they show a permit from the Water Commissioners. Any person furnishing water in violation of this section will be subject to a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars, and if the same when levied is not paid within three days from the time when the notice thereof is given, the water will be shut off from the premises, and will not be let on again until such fine is paid.

7. All fixtures and water closets and urinals must be of a kind and quality approved by the Water Commissioners.

8. No person shall in any case be allowed to open any fire hydrants except by a written permit from the Water Com-

missioners ; but the Engineers of the Fire Department shall in all cases have control of hydrants at fires and for practice.

9. The Commissioners reserve the right to restrict the use of hose or fountain, to shut off the water in all cases when it becomes necessary to make extensions or repairs, or for violation of any of the regulations, or whenever they deem it expedient.

10. The regular rates for the use of water shall be payable in advance on the first days of January and July of each year, except where water is supplied to manufacturers by special agreement. In all cases of non-payment of the water rates within ten days after the same is due, as well as for any violation of these rules and regulations, the supply will be shut off, and the water will not again be let on except upon the payment of the amount due, and the sum of two dollars for shutting off and letting on the water.

11. The Water Commissioners reserve the right to change the water rates at any time, except in case of dwelling-houses and established special rates.

12. For business requiring large quantities of water, and all supplies not enumerated in the tariff of rates, special rates will be made.

13. Parties using water for manufacturing or domestic purposes can erect hydrants on their grounds or standpipes in their building to be used only as a protection against fire, without additional charge for water.

14. All service pipes will be put in by the Water Commissioners. All applicants for the introduction of service pipes into their premises are required to make written application therefor at the office of the Water Commissioners. The Commissioners may then proceed to lay the necessary service pipes to the interior of the building, provided all expenses incurred beyond the line of the street shall be paid by the owner of the premises, who shall thereafter maintain

and keep the same in good order at his own cost; and the same shall be at all times subject to the control of the Commissioners. All applicants for whom the pipe is laid will be charged for the use of one faucet whether the water is used or not, unless they pay all expense that has been incurred in laying such service pipe, and in no case will the main be tapped more than once for the same premises, unless the additional expense is borne by the owner.

The following water rates are established until further notice :

No connection made with the main pipe for any purpose for less than	\$6 00
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DWELLING-HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for the first faucet .	\$6 00
Each additional faucet to be used by same family,	2 00
Two or more families occupying one house, one faucet for all, each family	5 00
One faucet for each family	6 00
For first bathtub	5 00
If used by more than one family in same house, each family	4 00
Each additional bathtub	2 00
For first pan or self-acting water closet . . .	5 00
If used by more than one family in same house, each family	4 00
Each additional pan or self-acting water closet .	2 00
In no case shall the charge for the use of water by a private family, exclusive of hose and stable, be more than	\$20 00
Where two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, emptying into the same basin, only one charge will be made for both.	
Laundry tub	3 00

BOARDING-HOUSES AND HOTELS.

First faucet	\$10 00
Each additional faucet	3 00
First bathtub	10 00
Each additional bathtub	3 00
First pan or self-acting water closet	10 00
Each additional pan or self-acting water closet	3 00

PRIVATE STABLES.

First horse	\$5 00
Each additional horse	3 00
Each cow or ox	1 00

LIVERY, EXPRESS, AND BOARDING STABLES.

For the first four horses	\$12 00
From five to twelve horses, each	2 00

The above prices include water for washing carriages.

Offices, Stores, Markets, Barber Shops and Restaurants — When used for ordinary purposes, same as for dwelling-houses.

Building Purposes — Each cask of lime or cement, 05

HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses, $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch nozzle, to be used only on premises and street opposite, not exceeding two hours per day for six months in the year, \$5 00

For any use not herein enumerated, special rates will be made.

METER RATES PAYABLE AT TIME OF READING.

For not over 1,000 gallons average per day, per 1,000 gallons \$0 30

For over 1,000 gallons and not exceeding 2,000	
gallons average per day, per 1,000 gallons .	25
For over 2,000 gallons per day, per 1,000 gallons,	20

Provided that in no case where a meter is used shall the annual charge be less than \$8.

Meters will be supplied by the Water Commissioners, for which an annual rental will be charged as follows :

Size $\frac{5}{8}$ inch, \$2 per year.

Size $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, \$2 per year.

All needed repairs, damages by frost excepted, will be made at the expense of the town.

DANIEL B. WHITE,
A. HOWARD HOLBROOK,
JAMES B. McDONALD,
Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

A summary of events affecting our finances for the year ending December 31, 1904, may be briefly made as follows:

The decline in market value of various securities on May 1, 1904, has caused a loss to the town of \$608.81 on corporation tax, \$424.66 on national bank tax and \$416.42 on street railway tax, a total loss of \$1,449.89, for which no provision could have been made. To this amount is to be added \$2,000, appropriated for the extension of Wales avenue, and not raised by taxation, making \$3,449.89 increase in debt.

As an offset, we had an appropriation of \$2,480 for the reduction of town debt, together with an increase of about \$280 in the income of the Massachusetts School Fund, making an available credit of about \$2,760, which amount, deducted from the item of \$3,449.89 above, will roughly account for the increase in the town debt.

The amount of uncollected taxes remains about the same as last year.

The decrease of the water debt is exceptionally large, because in this report, for the first time since the establishment of the water system, the item of uncollected water rates has been included as an asset, causing thereby an apparent difference in our favor of \$965.62.

The natural increase of the Sinking Fund has been \$4,517.73 and the actual cash gain from the ordinary revenues of the Water Department has been \$537.59 after the payment of all expenses.

These three items give us the actual decrease of the water debt, amounting to \$6,030.94.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

JOSEPH T. LEAHY, TREASURER, *in account with* RANDOLPH
WATER WORKS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December 31, 1903,	\$1,410 42
Received town appropriation for hydrants	2,000 00
Received interest on deposits	66
Received water rates	8,138 55
	<u>\$11,549 63</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid orders of Water Commissioners, including interest on water bonds	\$9,591 62
Balance on hand December 31, 1904	1,958 01
	<u>\$11,549 63</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY MONTHS.

MONTH.	Receipts.	Payments.	Balance.
December, 1903			\$1,410 42
January, 1904	\$1,203 00	\$692 66	1,920 76
February	387 35	96 52	2,211 59
March	165 92	171 44	2,206 07
April	153 71	1,540 00	819 78
May	249 87	578 59	491 06
June	597 07		1,088 13
July	3,110 77	2,367 34	1,831 56
August	524 51	83 35	2,272 72
September	126 23		2,398 95
October	209 46	1,944 80	663 61
November	327 19	257 35	733 45
December	3,084 13	1,859 57	1,958 01
Totals	\$10,139 21	\$9,591 62	\$1,958 01

RANDOLPH, MASS., February 2, 1905.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Randolph, have this day examined the accounts of Joseph T. Leahy,

Treasurer of the Water Commissioners, and find the same correct and the balance as stated above.

MICHAEL F. CUNNINGHAM,
JEREMIAH J. DESMOND,
JOHN B. WREN,
Auditors.

JOSEPH T. LEAHY, TREASURER, *in account with* RANDOLPH
WATER LOAN SINKING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance December 31, 1903	\$210 59
Received town appropriation	2,700 00
Received for fire alarm note	500 00
Withdrawn from Quincy Savings Bank . . .	750 00
Withdrawn from North Easton Savings Bank,	750 00
Received interest :	
On 22 bonds, \$1,000 each, at 4 per cent . .	880 00
\$15,000 town note, one year, at 4 per cent .	600 00
500 town note, 1 year at 4 per cent . . .	20 00
3,000 O. C. R. R. bond, 1 year at 4 per cent,	120 00
3,000 Hannibal & St. Joseph R. R. bonds .	180 00
7,000 Gloucester, Essex & Beverly St. Ry.	
bonds	350 00
On deposits in Savings Banks :	
Brockton	\$11 53
Quincy	46 20
North Easton	46 20
Abington	15 26
Randolph	28 72
Deposit in Mercantile Trust Co.,	13 15
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	161 06
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	\$7,221 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for 4 bonds, Gloucester, Essex & Beverly St. Ry. Co., \$1,000 each,	\$4,493 33	
Paid for 4 Town of Randolph notes, Wales Ave. Extension, \$500 each,	2,000 00	
Deposited in Savings Banks	147 91	
Balance deposited in Mercantile Trust Company	580 41	
	<hr/>	\$7,221 65

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE WATER ACCOUNT, DECEMBER,
31, 1904.

LIABILITIES.

Water bonds outstanding:

Due April 1, 1907	\$20,000 00	
April 1, 1912	20,000 00	
May 1, 1917	40,000 00	
May 1, 1918	20,000 00	
July 1, 1922	25,000 00	
July 1, 1926	10,000 00	
Note due November 5, 1923	3,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$138,000 00
Interest due on above December 31, 1904 (estimated)	1,520 00	
	<hr/>	\$139,520 00

ASSETS.

Amount in sinking fund	\$55,676 35	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	1,958 01	
Water rates due and unpaid	965 62	
	<hr/>	58,599 98
Net water debt, Dec. 31, 1903		<hr/> \$80,920 02

Net water debt, Dec. 31, 1903, \$86,950 96

Net water debt, Dec. 31, 1904, 80,920 02

Decrease of water debt in 1904, \$6,030 94

STATE OF THE RANDOLPH WATER LOAN SINKING FUND,
DECEMBER 31, 1904.

One Old Colony R. R. bond	\$3,000 00
Twenty-two Town of Randolph bonds	22,000 00
One Town of Randolph note	15,000 00
Four Town of Randolph notes (Wales Avenue),	2,000 00
Three Hannibal and St. Joseph R. R. bonds	3,000 00
Seven Gloucester, Essex & Beverly St. Ry. bonds,	7,000 00
On deposit in Abington Savings Bank	393 32
North Easton Savings Bank	811 68
Brockton Savings Bank	338 79
Quincy Savings Bank	811 68
Randolph Savings Bank	740 47
Mercantile Trust Co.	580 41
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	\$55,676 35

RANDOLPH, Mass., February 2, 1905.

The undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Randolph, have examined the Sinking Fund, and find it to agree with the statement above made.

MICHAEL F. CUNNINGHAM,
JEREMIAH J. DESMOND,
JOHN B. WREN,
Auditors.

ORDINARY TOWN DEPARTMENT.

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid on account of Street Loans :

\$4,410, six months at 4 per cent,	\$88 20	
\$3,780, six months at 4 per cent,	75 60	
\$5,100, one year at 4 per cent .	104 00	
\$3,000, one year at 4 per cent .	120 00	
	<hr/>	\$487 80

Paid on notes in anticipation of taxes :

\$10,000, one year at 3.98 per cent,	\$398 00	
\$10,000, one year at 3.80 per cent,	380 00	
\$10,000, seven months at 4.15		
per cent	242 08	
\$5,000, seven months, sixteen		
days at 3.48 per cent . . .	109 23	
\$3,000, six months, 2 days at		
3.45 per cent	52 32	
	<hr/>	1,181 63

Paid on all other notes :

3.7.8 Coddington Fund \$1,600, one		
year at 4 per cent	\$64 00	
Highway Plant \$2,500, one year		
at 4 per cent	100 00	
Fire Alarm \$500, one year at 4		
per cent	20 00	
Renewals \$35,000, one year at		
4 per cent	1,400 00	
	<hr/>	1,584 00
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		\$3,253 43

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By interest on taxes	\$1,184 55	
By interest on deposits	45 18	
By town appropriation	2,400 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,629 73

Amount unexpended, \$376 30.

JOSEPH T. LEAHY, TREASURER, *in account with* THE TOWN
OF RANDOLPH.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December 31, 1903 . . \$3,616 14

Borrowed on town notes,—

In anticipation of taxes :

Note No. 111 due October 17,
1904, at 4.15 per cent . \$10,000 00

Note No. 112 due April 7,
1905, at 3.98 per cent . 10,000 00

Note No. 113 due April 20,
1905, at 3.80 per cent . 10,000 00

Note No. 114 due December
15, 1904, at 3.48 per cent . 5,000 00

Note No. 115 due December
15, 1904, at 3.45 per cent . 3,000 00

Wales Avenue extension :

Note No. 116 due December
15, 1911, at 4 per cent . \$500 00

Note No. 117 due December
15, 1912, at 4 per cent . 500 00

Note No. 118 due December
15, 1913, at 4 per cent . 500 00

Note No. 119 due December
15, 1914, at 4 per cent . 500 00

40,000 00

Received taxes :

Additional taxes of 1898 . . \$8 43

Additional taxes of 1899 . . 42 24

Taxes of 1901 . . . 474 22

Taxes of 1902 . . . 7,450 00

Taxes of 1903 . . . 9,525 00

Taxes of 1904, regular . . .	\$24,700 00	
Excise tax, O. C. St. Ry. Co. . .	943 82	
Excise tax, Norfolk & Bristol Railway Co.	35 57	
Excise tax, trading stamp . . .	2 64	
	<hr/>	\$43,181 92

Received from Selectmen for sundry accounts . . . 719 59

Received from State Treasurer :

Corporation tax, 1903, balance . . .	\$56 29	
Corporation tax, 1904, in full . . .	3,870 83	
National Bank tax, 1904, in full, . . .	1,595 15	
Street Railway tax, 1904, in full, . . .	1,103 99	
State aid, 1903 account . . .	3,271 00	
Military aid, 1903 account . . .	186 00	
Burial indigent soldiers, 1903, in part	35 00	
State pauper, 1904 account . . .	28 06	
State pauper, 1901, 1902, 1903 ac- count to be credited to almshouse, . . .	249 43	
Refunded for Inspector of Animals, . . .	50 00	
	<hr/>	10,445 75

Received from other towns, pauper account :

Quincy, 1902 and 1903 account, . . .	\$188 37	
Concord, 1903 account . . .	18 14	
Westboro, 1903 account . . .	22 85	
Brockton, 1903 account . . .	223 90	
Weymouth, 1903 account . . .	66 00	
Boston, 1903 account . . .	57 81	
Canton, 1904 account . . .	58 50	
Stoughton, 1904 account . . .	21 00	
Westboro, 1904 account . . .	26 00	
Abington, 1904 account . . .	43 76	
Brockton, 1904 account . . .	39 00	
Boston, 1904 account . . .	108 86	

Quincy, 1904 account . . .	\$59 00	
Revere, 1904 account . . .	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$941 19
Received from Town of Holbrook :		
On account Military Aid . . .	\$61 00	
On account Soldiers' Relief . . .	189 34	
	<hr/>	250 34
Received interest :		
On taxes of 1898	\$315 13	
On taxes of 1899	369 42	
On taxes of 1902	200 00	
On taxes of 1903	300 00	
On deposits in bank	45 18	
	<hr/>	1,229 73
Received on account School Committee :		
From State Treasurer, account tuition	\$138 00	
From State Treasurer, account Superintendent of Schools . . .	500 00	
From County Treasurer, dog licenses	535 73	
Interest on Coddington Fund . . .	64 00	
Income Mass. School Fund . . .	902 92	
	<hr/>	2,140 65
Received sundries :		
Court fees from Quincy	\$105 86	
Sale of ink, voting lists, etc. . . .	3 80	
Fire Department, sale of junk . . .	6 69	
H. F. French, crushed stone	2 00	
Town of Avon, use of roller, etc. .	187 50	
Old Colony St. Ry. Co., use of roller, etc.	642 06	
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Received for licenses :

Three billiard and pool at \$2.00,	\$6 00	
Two druggist at \$1.00 . . .	2 00	
Two auctioneer at \$2 00 . . .	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$12 00
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		\$103,485 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Orders of Selectmen *Nos. 1 to

1310 inclusive . . .	\$63,045 57	
Town Note No. 107, anticipa- pation of taxes . . .	10,000 00	
Town Note No. 108, anticipa- tion of taxes . . .	10,000 00	
Town Note No. 111, anticipa- tion of taxes . . .	10,000 00	
Town Note No. 114, anticipa- tion of taxes . . .	5,000 00	
Town Note No. 115, anticipa- tion of taxes . . .	3,000 00	
Balance on hand December 31, 1904,	2,439 65	
	<hr/>	\$103,482 52

* Including notes for reduction of town debt.

CONDENSED MONTHLY STATEMENTS.

MONTHS.	RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURES.			BALANCE.	
	Taxes.	Select-men, sundry accounts.	Money borrowed on town notes.	Interest.	Other towns, pauper account.	State Treasurer.	All other sources.	Orders of Selectmen.		Town Notes.
December, 1903,										\$3,616 14
January, 1904 . .	\$1,600 00			\$9 49	\$364 14		\$0 75	\$1,946 57		1,669 57
February	500 00	\$50 00	\$10,000 00	\$100 00	57 81	\$56 29		3,410 42		233 53
March	1,500 00		25,000 00	6 68			1 25	4,221 56		6,776 07
April	1,200 00			53 84		8 00	8 00	7,176 17	\$20,000 00	6,107 83
May	1,850 00		3,000 00				25	5,742 86		1,634 81
June	3,474 22	50 00		57 51			148 69	4,715 96		1,769 10
July	3,400 00				105 50	50 00	595 00	3,626 95		1,872 57
August	5,000 00	50 00		1 38	82 76		1 50	5,486 30		536 77
September . . .	20,300 00			307 73	155 12		2 04	3,327 60		2,343 43
October	2,568 82	100 00		693 10	426 20	10,331 46	2 00	6,249 41	10,000 00	6,552 56
November . . .	1,788 88	469 59	2,000 00				2,341 08	5,532 44		3,998 67
December . . .								11,609 33	8,000 00	2,439 65
Totals, 1904 . .	\$43,181 92	\$719 59	\$40,000 00	\$1,229 73	\$1,191 53	\$10,445 75	\$3,100 56	\$63,045 57	\$38,000 00	\$2,439 65
Totals, 1903 . .	45,616 50	500 81	38,000 00	2,508 33	1,948 19	11,361 76	3,403 98	59,392 10	42,480 00	3,616 14
Totals, 1902 . .	40,574 70	923 05	39,000 00	845 77	1,597 74	11,277 16	2,763 53	60,735 32	40,480 00	148 67
Totals, 1901 . .	42,597 61	925 13	39,000 00	1,340 10	1,131 63	11,491 07	3,861 97	56,388 01	44,480 00	5,382 04
Totals, 1900 . .	40,411 75	935 26	59,300 00	1,118 00	397 33	10,840 24	918 71	55,104 47	60,650 00	5,902 54

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

LIABILITIES.

Treasury notes :

Turner Library	\$5,000	
Randolph Savings Bank	10,000	
Randolph Savings Bank	5,000	
Coddington fund	1,600	
Water loan sinking fund	15,000	
Five notes of \$850 each, (Allen street and Highland ave.),	4,250	
Six notes of \$630 each, (Liberty and Lafayette streets) .	3,780	
Six notes of \$500 each, (Liberty, North and Lafayette sts.),	3,000	
Four notes of \$500 each, (Highway plant)	2,000	
Four notes of \$500 each, (Wales Avenue Extension)	2,000	
Two notes of \$10,000 each, anticipation of taxes	20,000	
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	\$71,630	
Interest on above notes (estimated),	415	
	<hr/>	\$72,045 00

ASSETS.

Unpaid taxes of 1902	\$442 12
Unpaid taxes of 1903	8,937 52
Unpaid taxes of 1904	17,141 95
Interest on taxes (estimated)	855 00
State aid to be refunded	3,513 00
Military aid to be refunded	183 00
Burial expenses to be refunded 1903,	35 00
Burial expenses to be refunded 1904,	70 00

Due from Canton, pauper account .	\$29 25	
Stoughton, pauper account,	4 00	
Westboro, pauper account,	16 00	
Brockton, pauper account,	30 00	
Avon, pauper account .	222 21	
Duxbury, pauper account,	34 00	
Quincy, pauper account .	44 15	
Abington, pauper account,	153 40	
Boston, pauper account .	41 75	
Old Colony St. Ry. Co. .	6 00	
Cash in hand of Treasurer . . .	2,439 65	
	<hr/>	\$34,198 00
Net town debt December 31, 1904 . .	\$37,847 00	
Net town debt December 31, 1903 . .	37,176 63	
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Increase of town debt in 1904 . . .		\$670 37

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. LEAHY,
Treasurer.

RANDOLPH, MASS., February 2, 1905.

The undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the same correctly kept, with proper vouchers and entries make for all payments and receipts.

MICHAEL F. CUNNINGHAM,
JEREMIAH J. DESMOND,
JOHN B. WREN,
Auditors.

RECORDS OF TOWN MEETINGS IN 1904.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

RANDOLPH, March 7, 1904.

Pursuant to a warrant issued by the Selectmen of Randolph, dated February 23, 1904, duly served and returned by Michael F. Sullivan, Constable, the voters of the Town of Randolph assembled in Stetson Hall, on Monday, March 7, 1904.

All the preliminaries being complied with, the Town Clerk called the meeting to order, and, having read the warrant and return, called for action under—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Voted, no one objecting, that the Town Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for John T. Flood for Moderator.

Voted, to close the polls.

John T. Flood was declared elected Moderator and was sworn by the Town Clerk.

A package containing 1260 regular and 60 special ballots was delivered to Thomas L. Stetson and Thomas F. Kiernan, ballot clerks, who receipted therefor, after being sworn by the Town Clerk.

Thomas Farrell and Michael F. Sullivan were the officers at the gates.

Article 2. To choose all such town officers as are required to be chosen by ballot, also on the same ballot to vote "Yes"

or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Voted, that we proceed to ballot for all such town officers as towns are by law authorized to choose at their annual meeting, viz.: a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor, one Superintending School Committee, three Auditors, seven Constables, three Fish Wardens, three Fence Viewers, one Trustee of Stetson School Fund, one Water Commissioner for three years and one Water Commissioner for two years to fill vacancy, a Tree Warden and a Collector of Taxes; also on the same ballot to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" That the polls shall be kept open until sunset; that Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 of the warrant be referred to a committee of seven to be appointed by the Moderator, said committee to report at an adjournment of this meeting, and when this meeting adjourns it shall be to Monday, March 21, 1904, at 7.30 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of taking action upon the report of said committee.

The Moderator appointed the following committee:

John V. Beal.

James E. Blanche.

Edward H. McMahon.

John H. Field.

Frank C. Granger, M. D.

Thomas J. Kiernan.

Rufus A. Thayer.

The ballot box was examined and shown to be empty. It was then locked and the key delivered to the officer at the gate, after which the polls were declared open for the reception of ballots.

The following named persons appointed by the Selectmen served as election officers and were sworn by the Moderator:

At check list: Fred L. Belcher.

At ballot box : James B. McDonald.

TELLERS.

Herbert H. Huke.	Franklin W. Hayden.
Walter H. Lyons.	Charles E. McMahon.
Frank H. Tileston.	Michael E. Clark.
Frank H. Jaquith.	Frank J. Hand.
Thomas F. McGrath.	Edward J. Quinn.
Nelson Mann.	Daniel P. Lyons.

ASSISTANT BALLOT CLERKS.

William A. Croak.	Samuel A. Foster, Jr.
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The ballot box failed to register correctly at any time during the day. During the time set for balloting it was opened three times and ballots were removed therefrom as follows :

At 10.35 A.M., when the register indicated 678 ballots cast.

At 3.00 P.M., when the register indicated 928 ballots cast.

At 5.25 P.M., when the register indicated 951 ballots cast.

At sunset the polls were declared closed.

The register of the ballot box indicated 956 ; but the presiding officer's list and the ballot clerk's list each showed but 885 names checked and the Moderator counted out 885 ballots cast.

During the counting of the ballots and before declaration of the result the following Articles were acted on :

Article 3. To choose all such town officers as are not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

The following named persons were elected to fill the offices set against their respective names, viz. :

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND BARK.

Fred A. French.	Joseph T. Leahy.
Charles D. Hill.	Royal T. Mann.
Eugene Thayer.	Charles F. Bean.

POUND-KEEPER.

Timothy M. O'Leary.

FIELD DRIVERS.

Frank W. Harris. John T. Harty.

*Samuel A. Foster, Jr. H. Joseph Shepard.

*Walter French. *Frank W. Belcher.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money temporarily in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year, and fix the sum he is authorized to borrow.

Voted, unanimously, that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the town of Randolph, in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed, with the approval of a majority of the Selectmen, to borrow, from time to time, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to not more than forty thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town thereof, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, and at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum; all debts incurred under this vote for the town shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 20. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to issue notes of the town to replace those now outstanding, the same to be refunded upon such terms as they deem most favorable to the town.

Voted, unanimously, that the Treasurer with the approval of a majority of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money to replace, renew or refund any or all notes of the town now outstanding that may be now due or on demand or that may become due during the present year.

* Oath of office taken.

Article 25. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and published in the Town Report as required by law.

The following is the list of jurors accepted :

Alden, F. Wayland	Holbrook, Arthur H.
Barrett, Redmond	Howard, Martin V. B.
Corliss, Simon B.	Huke, Robert
Cole, Charles H.	Mann, Edwin M.
Casey, Peter	Mahady, William
Dyer, James M.	McLaughlin, Patrick H.
Dowd, James	McAuliffe, Richard
Desmond, John	Niles, Isaac
Elliott, George A.	Pope, David
French, Fred M.	Purcell, John T.
Forrest, Richard	Quinn, Edward
Foster, Samuel A.	Reynolds, George A.
Friar, Adolphus S.	Roel, George A.
Galagher, Joseph C.	Scanlon, Maurice E.
Goeres, Louis	Spear, William B.
Good, William	Stetson, Frank E.
Grover, Frank R.	Tileston, Frank H.

Article 26. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the Selectmen to be the agents and attorneys for the town to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any manner interested, as a party or otherwise, except so far as the same relates in any way to the water supply, and to employ counsel if necessary.

Voted, that the Selectmen be so authorized.

Article 27. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the Water Commissioners to be the agents and attorneys for the town to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be interested, as a party or otherwise, so far as the same in any

manner relates to the taking of the waters of Great Pond, or in the construction of the water works, either jointly or separately, as authorized under Chapter 217 of the Acts of 1885, and to employ counsel if necessary.

Voted, that the Water Commissioners be so authorized and appointed.

The ballots having been counted, declaration of the result was made as follows :

Whole number of ballots cast 885

FOR TOWN CLERK.

* † Joseph T. Leahy, 677 Blanks 208

FOR TOWN TREASURER.

* † Joseph T. Leahy, 631 Blanks 254

FOR SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

* † Winthrop B. Atherton 460

George H. Eddy 317

James E. Foley 261

* † John E. McDonald 421

Patrick H. McLaughlin 369

* † Charles H. Thayer 421

Blanks 406

FOR SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS).

* † Redmond P. Barrett, 580 Scattering 1

Blanks 304

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS).

Edward Long, 349 Scattering 1

* † Daniel B. White, 411 Blanks 124

* Elected.

† Oath of office taken.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER (2 YEARS TO FILL VACANCY).

* † A. Howard Holbrook,	440	John A. Hoyer	. 353
Blanks	.	.	92

FOR AUDITORS.

* † Michael F. Cunningham	.	John N. Shipman	. 272
ham	. 392	W. Ray Spear	. 281
* † Jeremiah Desmond,	412	* † John B. Wren	. 361
George A. Roel	. 293	Scattering	. 3
Blanks	.	.	641

FOR TAX COLLECTOR.

* † Arthur W. Alden,	496	Scattering	. 1
Blanks	.	.	388

FOR CONSTABLES.

* † Frank J. Donahoe,	573	* † Edwin F. Knight,	405
* † Thomas Farrell	. 575	* † P. Joseph Riley,	350
* † Joseph H. Foster,	484	* † Lincoln Stetson,	359
* † John Haney	. 483	* † Michael F. Sullivan,	438
* † Frank W. Harris,	532	Scattering	. 8
Blanks	.	.	1987

FOR FENCE VIEWERS.

* † Charles H. Cole,	490	* † James Riley	. 545
* † Edwin M. Mann,	481	Scattering	. 3
Blanks	.	.	1136

FOR FISH WARDENS.

George W. Hawes,	345	* † George F. Taylor,	427
* † Joseph F. McMahon,	351	Scattering	. 13
* † William R. Roberts,	405	Blanks	. 1114

* Elected.

† Oath of office taken.

FOR TREE WARDEN.

William Mahady,	286	* † Royal T. Mann,	418
Blanks	.	.	181

VOTE ON LICENSE QUESTION.

Yes	.	.	381	No	.	.	417
Blanks	.	.	.		.	.	87

The ballots, unused ballots and both check lists were sealed up in open town meeting and at 9.10 o'clock P.M. it was —

Voted, to adjourn.

A true record.

Attest: JOSEPH T. LEAHY, *Town Clerk.*

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING.

RANDOLPH, March 21, 1904.

The annual town meeting of March 7, 1904, adjourned to this date, was called to order at 7.30 o'clock P.M. by the Moderator and a recess of fifteen minutes was declared to allow the voters to read the report of the Committee on Appropriations, a copy of which was given each voter on entering the hall.

At 7.45 o'clock the remaining Articles of the warrant were taken up and disposed of as follows:

Voted, unanimously, to accept the report of the committee.

Article 4. To hear the reports of the town officers, and act thereon.

Voted, that action under this Article be postponed until all the other Articles of the warrant have been disposed of.

* Elected.

† Oath of office taken.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

Voted, that the sum of \$12,280 be raised and appropriated as follows :

For teaching	\$7,780 00
care of rooms	600 00
fuel	600 00
books and supplies	900 00
miscellaneous, incidental and general repairs,	800 00
Superintendent of Schools	600 00
Stetson High School	2,200 00
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	\$13,480 00

Less the following estimates :

Revenue from dog tax, State School	
Fund and Coddington fund	\$700 00
State, for Superintendent of Schools,	300 00
State, for salary of teachers	200 00
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	1,200 00
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Total	\$12,280 00

And in addition thereto, that the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the trustees for the support of said Stetson High School the amount of bank tax received by him and arising from the investment known as the Stetson School Fund.

It is also voted that the Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, be authorized and directed to borrow upon notes of the Town of Randolph such sums of money, not exceeding three thousand dollars, as may be required to pay the expenses incurred for the support of schools, including Stetson High School, from January 1, 1905, to March 1, 1905, and that said notes thus issued shall be a part of and be paid from

the money raised and appropriated for the support of schools for the year 1905.

Article 6. To raise money to defray the general town expenses for the current year, and appropriate the same.

Voted, that the sum of \$15,005 be raised and appropriated as follows :

Miscellaneous expenses	\$1,600 00
Poor in almshouse	1,800 00
Poor out of almshouse	2,500 00
Soldiers' relief	500 00
Soldiers' relief in Randolph and Holbrook	500 00
Military aid	200 00
Town officers	2,400 00
Board of Health	200 00
Interest on town debt	2,400 00
Lockup expenses	200 00
Expenses of Tree Warden	100 00
Births, marriages, deaths and court fees	125 00

Reduction of Town Debt.

Town note (highway plant), vote 1898	500 00
Town note, vote 1899	850 00
Town note, vote 1900	630 00
Town note (fire alarm), vote 1900	500 00
Total	\$15,005 00

Also that the interest on the taxes and deposits during the year 1904 be appropriated towards the payment of interest on the town debt. Also that the overlay tax of the current year be appropriated towards meeting any abatement of taxes which may be allowed.

Article 7. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

Voted, that the sum of \$3,000 be raised and appropriated

for the repairs of highways, including sidewalks, paving and removal of snow, and, in addition thereto, the street railway tax and excise tax for the current year, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Also that the sum of \$1000 be raised and appropriated to defray the expense already incurred for the removal of the snow of the present year.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for lighting the streets by electricity.

Voted, that the sum of \$3300, less the amount of rebate now in the treasury, \$153.00, be raised and appropriated for said purpose, and no more.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to pay the insurance on the Town Treasurer's bond for the year 1904-1905, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Voted, that the town pay for the insurance on the Town Treasurer's bond for the year 1904-1905, and that the sum of \$120 be raised and appropriated therefor.

Article 11. To see what compensation the town will allow for the collection of taxes.

Voted, that three-fourths of one per cent be allowed for the collection of taxes.

Article 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to medical attendance on the poor, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Voted, that the sum of \$300 be raised and appropriated for said purpose, said sum to be apportioned equally among the several physicians, and to be in full for attendance upon all persons under the care of the Overseers of the Poor, whose settlement and residence is in the Town of Randolph, for one year from January 1, 1904. That is to say, each physician resident in the town on the first of March, 1904, shall receive the sum of \$50 for his services provided he makes fifty visits during the year; after that he shall receive

no compensation for his services, but shall attend such of this town's poor within its limits as may call upon him for his services; those physicians who make less than fifty visits shall receive pay at the rate of one dollar for each of said visits.

Article 13. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce the laws, and raise and appropriate money for the payment of such officers.

Voted, that the town instruct the Selectmen to appoint special officers, or direct officers elected by the town, to enforce all the laws of the Commonwealth, and that the sum of \$700 be raised and appropriated for said purpose.

Article 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay for the insurance on the Turner Free Library building.

Voted, that the sum of \$393 be raised and appropriated for the payment of said insurance.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to place a fire alarm box on High street at its junction with Canton street, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Voted, that a fire alarm box be placed at or near the junction of High and Canton streets, and that the sum of \$150 be raised and appropriated therefor.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the town will raise and contribute to the Sinking Fund as required by law to meet the payments of the Randolph Water Loan.

Voted, that the sum of \$2700 be raised and contributed to the Sinking Fund to meet the payment of the Randolph Water Loan when due.

Article 17. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for water for hydrants, street service, public buildings, drinking fountains and cemeteries.

Voted, that the sum of \$2,000 be raised and appropriated

for hydrants, street service, public buildings, drinking fountains and cemeteries.

Article 18. To see what action the town will take in relation to the Fire Department, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Voted, that the sum of \$2261 be raised and appropriated as follows :

Miscellaneous expenses	\$1,100 00
Pay of 48 men, \$12 each	576 00
Pay of 48 men, hour service	275 00
Fires in woodland	100 00
Fire alarm	175 00
Engineer of steamer	20 00
Fireman of steamer	15 00
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Total	\$2,261 00

Article 19. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves under the direction of Captain Horace Niles Post 110, G. A. R.

Voted, that the sum of \$100 be raised and appropriated for said purpose.

Article 21. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools in such cases as the School Board may deem expedient.

Voted, that the sum of \$80 be raised and appropriated to convey pupils to and from the public schools in such cases as the School Board may deem expedient.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to place additional lights on Allen street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Voted, that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 23. To see if the town will authorize the Collector

of Taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1904.

Voted, that the Collector of Taxes be so authorized.

Article 24. To see if the town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

Voted, that the Collector of Taxes be so authorized.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Water Commissioners to extend the water main from its present terminus on Cross street to the residence of James Gibson on Grove street, and make provision for the payment of the same, as petitioned for by Peter M. Gibson and others.

Voted, that no action be taken on this article.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to build an addition to the North Grammar School, as recommended by the School Committee, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Voted, that the sum of \$900 be raised and appropriated to build an addition to the North Grammar schoolhouse, as recommended by the School Committee.

Article 30. To see what action the town will take in relation to the pay of laborers employed by the town.

Voted, that each person employed by the town shall receive \$2.00 per day; that the town shall pay \$3.50 per day for a man and one horse, and \$5.00 per day for a man and two horses; and that the laborers residing in town and residents owning teams shall be employed in preference to any others.

Article 31. To see what action the town will take in relation to the care of clocks in the spires of the Congregational and First Baptist Churches, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Voted, that the sum of \$40 be raised and appropriated for

the care of clocks in the spires of the Congregational and First Baptist Churches.

Article 32. To see if the town vote to build an addition to the Stetson Hall building for the accommodation of the Stetson High School, as recommended by the trustees, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Under this article the committee reported that the subject-matter thereof is of such magnitude and importance as to require more time for investigation and deliberation.

Voted, that they have until April 18, 1904, at the hour of 7.30 o'clock P. M., to report on this article, and that for such purpose, when the remaining business reported by your committee shall have been considered and completed, this annual meeting of the town be again adjourned to the time suggested.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Water Commissioners to extend the water main from Oakland Cemetery along Oak street to the residence of Weston L. Mann on said Oak street, and make provision for the payment of the same, as petitioned for by Weston L. Mann and others.

Under this article a motion to instruct the Water Commissioners to extend the water main on Oak street was defeated, thereby dismissing the article.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to make repairs on the almshouse, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Voted, that the sum of \$200 be raised and appropriated for repairs on the almshouse.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to put in sprinkler hydrants, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Voted, that no action be taken under this article at this time.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to accept the pro-

visions of Chapter 25, Section 22, of the Revised Laws, being an act empowering towns to provide for the watering of streets.

Voted, that no action be taken under this article at this time.

Article 37. To hear and act on the report of any committee, and choose any committee the town may think proper.

No committee reported.

Voted, that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to revise the town by-laws.

Committee :

John V. Beal.

Winthrop B. Atherton.

James Molloy.

Daniel J. Brennan.

Thomas B. Jones.

Voted, to adjourn to April 18, 1904, at 7.30 P. M.

The total appropriations to be raised by taxation the present year are as follows :

For support of schools, under Article 5 . . .	\$12,280 00
general town expenses, under Article 6 . . .	15,005 00
highways, under Article 7	4,000 00
street lighting by electricity, under Article 8, . . .	3,147 00
insurance on Town Treasurer's bond, under	
Article 9	120 00
medical attendance on the poor, under Article 12, . . .	300 00
enforcement of laws, under Article 13	700 00
insurance on Turner Free Library building,	
under Article 14	393 00
fire alarm box at High and Canton streets,	
under Article 15	150 00
contribution to Sinking Fund, under Article	
16	2,700 00
water for hydrants, public buildings, etc.,	
under Article 17	2,000 00

For Fire Department, under Article 18 . . .	\$2,261 00
Grand Army Post No. 110, under Article 19,	100 00
conveyance of pupils, under Article 21 . .	80 00
addition to North Grammar schoolhouse, under Article 29	900 00
care of clocks, under Article 31	40 00
repairs on the almshouse, under Article 34,	200 00
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	\$44,376 00
State tax	1,825 00
County tax	1,654 46
State highway tax	69 15
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Total	\$47,924 61

A true record.

Attest: JOSEPH T. LEAHY, *Town Clerk.*

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING.

RANDOLPH, April 18, 1904.

The annual town meeting adjourned from March 21, 1904, to this date was called to order by the Moderator at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

A recess was declared until 8 o'clock to allow all persons opportunity to read the printed report of the committee in relation to the matter of a new High School building or remodeling the present building.

At 8 o'clock the meeting was again called to order, and the Moderator, under Article 32 of the warrant, called for action upon the report of the committee, which was as follows:

To the Voters of Randolph:

Your committee to whom was granted further time to report on Article 32 of the annual town meeting warrant, have considered the same, and submit the following report:

Article 32 is as follows: "To see if the town will vote to build an addition to the Stetson Hall building for the accommodation of the Stetson High School, as recommended by the trustees, and raise and appropriate money for the same."

At the hearings of your committee there was submitted and exhibited a plan of the proposed addition, which consisted of a new one-story building to be placed on the site of what was formerly the Samuel Bass dwelling-house, and to be connected with the Town House by means of a section which would be utilized for ante-rooms. The expense of the structure was estimated to be from six to eight thousand dollars.

If this site is to be appropriated for schoolhouse purposes it must be borne in mind that several years ago it was purchased at a cost of \$2500. This would make the cost of such accommodations for school purposes approximately \$10,000.

Assuming the proposition to be an acceptable one, and the same completed in accordance with the designs of the architect, let us picture or photograph to the mind the building as it would appear, and what shall we have? Simply a Town House with an annex. As such, would it not fall far short of what the age and exigencies of the situation demand? Would the visitor who comes to share our hospitalities ever imagine such a building to be a schoolhouse? Would such an annex check the frequent inquiry, "Where is your High School?"

Under such conditions, your committee are met with the questions, "Would the construction of such an addition to the Town House, with the limited advantages to be derived

therefrom, justify such an expense?" Or, as advocated by many, "would it not be wiser to abandon the whole proposition and seek a new site, where the money which the town might decide to appropriate would yield a result commensurate with that enjoyed by most, if not all, of our neighboring towns?"

The latter suggestion is not within the province of your committee to discuss, because the subject-matter of the article does not embrace it. It is sufficient here to say that, if such a proposition is to be entertained, it should be presented under an article sufficiently broad to enable the question to be discussed in all its relations, and this would require the call of a new meeting.

In another aspect of the situation it may be claimed that the Bass house site was purchased to enlarge the Town House lot, that better accommodations might be enjoyed by those of the public having occasion to use the same. It certainly would be more consistent with the uses and purposes for which the Town House was erected if the area upon which it stands was cleared of the buildings surrounding it, and a carriage way and lawn substituted in such manner as to present a more attractive and perhaps more ornamental appearance than it now does.

In the proposition we are considering there is another feature which has claimed the attention of your committee more than any other, and that is this: Has the town the right to raise money by taxation to be appropriated towards building a schoolhouse for a school which does not fall within the spirit and plan of our public school system as provided by law. The case of *Jenkins et ali. vs. Inhabitants of Andover et ali.*, found in the 103 of the Mass. Reports, page 94, is very similar to the one before us, and the reasonings followed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court in that case are extremely analogous to those

which would be pursued in our own case, because the facts of the two cases are so similar. In that case, even the assistance of the legislature was sought, but it availed nothing, as the court regarded the act unconstitutional.

Another factor which requires recognition in this case may be found in the language of the donation of the late Maj. Amasa Stetson (see records of the Town Clerk for the year 1842).

Among the numerous provisions which the donation contains, all descriptive of how the school shall be managed, your committee would quote but two, as these seem most relevant to the situation, viz. :

“Second—The interest income of said funds shall be under the absolute control of a Board of Trustees hereinafter provided for, subject at all times to the examination of the Inhabitants of the said Town by their Committee appointed for that purpose and shall by them be appropriated (after deducting the expenses of Insurance and perfect repairs of Stetson Hall) towards the support of said High School, to be forever kept in the rooms of said Stetson Hall or in case of the alienation or destruction of said Stetson Hall from any cause whatever, then in some other building on or near said spot.”

“Tenth—In default of the fulfillment of the spirit and intention of this communication or in case of the wilful alienation or appropriation of this fund or the income thereof to any purpose foreign to the wishes of the Donor, as herein expressed, the said fund shall revert to a Board of Trustees to be appointed by act or resolve of the Legislature of the Commonwealth, whose duty it shall be to recover and keep in trust the said fund and to appropriate the income thereof as near as circumstances may admit in effecting the objects of the donor, as herein expressed and under such restrictions as the Honorable Legislature in their wisdom may deem expedient.”

More than forty years ago Setson High School was considered to have outlived its usefulness (see report of School Committee, year 1859-1860) and to remedy the detriment which the school, as then regarded, was imposing upon the community, the town commenced to contribute to its expenses, and thereby changed its characteristics in a marked degree, which have been sustained to the present day. This contribution began with the sum of \$300. It has now reached the sum of \$2200. While this contribution has all the while been open to the same objection as pointed out in the above named case of *Jenkins vs. Andover*, yet by common consent it has been allowed to continue in order that the town might have the benefit of the income of the fund. To speak briefly, it is sufficient to say that for the last forty-four years the town's appropriation has been following the Stetson School Fund. The question may be asked without impropriety, is it not about time to reverse the order and have the Stetson School Fund follow the appropriation of the town? As before stated, it is not within the province of the duties of this committee to consider the accomplishment of measures which are not embodied in the article under consideration.

We live in an age in which we are expected to keep pace with the times.

We therefore support water works and street lighting and a fire alarm, and much more that increases the rate of taxation, not wholly because of the advantages to be received therefrom, but partly because our neighboring towns afford such facilities. But in providing school-houses we may be regarded as having fallen in the rear. For a period of nearly fifty years we have built but two school-houses, namely, the Prescott in 1867 and the West Corner in 1892.

That the town by comparison may measure its doings in the direction of providing school-houses, your committee

have thought that it might prove profitable to present what some other towns have done in the last twenty-five years. A partial list is as follows :

Abington . . .		\$67,800 00
Avon . . .	1896	7,500 00
Braintree . . .	1892-'00	78,000 00
Canton . . .		26,000 00
Cohasset . . .		51,200 00
Foxboro . . .	1887-'03	53,600 00
Franklin . . .	1880-'93	39,300 00
Holbrook . . .	1882-'02	28,800 00
Needham . . .		18,700 00
Norwood . . .	1884-'03	72,000 00
Rockland . . .		25,100,00
Sharon . . .	1898-'00	20,500 00
Stoughton . . .	1892-'03	41,500 00
Walpole . . .	1885-'04	37,000 00
Weymouth . . .	1881-'02	128,900 00

That our High School should be provided with rooms affording better light and other qualities conducive to the comfort and healthfulness of its pupils to the mind of your committee admits of no doubt, but for reasons already stated they do not favor the plan of remedy suggested under Article 32, and therefore recommend that the matter in the form as it now stands be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. BEAL,
JAMES E. BLANCHE,
JOHN H. FIELD,
RUFUS A. THAYER,
THOMAS J. KIERNAN,
EDWARD H. McMAHON,
FRANK C. GRANGER,

Committee.

Article 32. Voted, in accordance with the foregoing recommendation that the subject-matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 4. Voted, that the annual reports of the town officers for the year 1903 be accepted.

Voted, unanimously, that the Selectmen be instructed to pay the sum of twenty-five dollars to John T. Flood, Moderator, for his services.

Mr. Flood, having expressed his thanks, directed the Treasurer to pay that amount to Post 110, G. A. R., for its monument fund.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

“Resolved, that we, the voters of Randolph, in town meeting assembled, extend our thanks to John V. Beal, Thomas J. Kiernan, John H. Field, James E. Blanche, Rufus A. Thayer, Frank C. Granger, M. D., and Edward H. McMahon, the Committee on Appropriations, for the care and deliberation exhibited in their recommendations for the disposal of the articles referred to them at the annual town meeting, March 7, 1904.”

Voted, at 8.15 o'clock P. M., to dissolve the meeting.

A true record.

Attest : JOSEPH T. LEAHY, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Randolph in said County,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to

assemble in Stetson Hall, in said town, on Monday, the fifteenth day of August, instant, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, namely :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the town will accept the locating and laying out of a new street from North Main street to Cross street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate money to build the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town seven days at least before the day and hour of holding said meeting, and by publishing the same in the "Randolph Register and Holbrook News", a newspaper published in said Randolph.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the day and hour appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands at Randolph this first day of August A. D. one thousand nine hundred and four.

WINTHROP B. ATHERTON,
CHARLES H. THAYER,
JOHN E. McDONALD,

Selectmen of Randolph.

OFFICER'S RETURN.

NORFOLK, SS.

RANDOLPH, August 10th, 1904.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Randolph herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at nine public places in said town ten days before the time set for holding

said meeting. And I have likewise caused the substance of said warrant to be published in the "Randolph Register and Holbrook News", a newspaper printed in said town.

FRANK W. HARRIS, *Constable*.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

RANDOLPH, August 15, 1904.

Pursuant to the preceding warrant, the voters of Randolph assembled in Stetson Hall, on Monday evening, August 15, 1904, at 7.30 o'clock.

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order, and having read the warrant and return called for action under —

Article 1. Voted, no one objecting, that the Town Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for John T. Flood for Moderator.

Voted, to close the polls. John T. Flood was declared elected Moderator.

Article 2. Voted, unanimously, that we accept the locating and laying out of the proposed new street from North Main street to Cross street, as laid out by the Selectmen; that the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and directed to build the same; that the Selectmen be instructed and directed to employ in the building thereof laborers residing in the town and residents owning teams at the scale of wages voted by the town at the annual town meeting; that the town hereby grants and votes the sum of \$2000 to defray the expense thereof; that the Town Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and directed to borrow said sum at a rate not exceeding 5 per cent per annum; and that the Town Treasury note or notes approved by a majority of the Selectmen be issued therefor in such manner that \$500 of the amount so borrowed shall become due and payable in

seven years from the date of borrowing, and \$500 each year thereafter until the whole sum of \$2000 shall become due and paid.

Voted, to dissolve.

A true record.

Attest : JOSEPH T. LEAHY, *Town Clerk.*

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Randolph,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Randolph, qualified to vote in State elections, to assemble in Stetson Hall, on Tuesday, the eighth day of November next, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in to the Selectmen, on one ballot, their votes for Electors of President and Vice-President, Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney-General, Representative in Congress from the Twelfth District, Councillor for District No. 2, Senator for the First Norfolk District, Representative in the General Court for the Seventh Norfolk District, District Attorney, one County Commissioner and two Associate Commissioners and Sheriff.

The polls for the reception of ballots aforesaid will be opened at six o'clock A. M., and will remain open until two o'clock, and such longer time as the voters may determine.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies hereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the day and hour of holding

said meeting, and by publishing the same in the "Randolph Register and Holbrook News", a newspaper published in said Randolph.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on or before the day and hour appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands at Randolph this seventeenth day of October A. D. one thousand nine hundred and four.

WINTHROP B. ATHERTON,
CHARLES H. THAYER,
JOHN E. McDONALD,
Selectmen of Randolph.

OFFICER'S RETURN.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Randolph, herein described, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose herein mentioned, by posting attested copies of this warrant at ten public places within said town ten days before the date of said meeting, and by publishing the same in the "Randolph Register and Holbrook News", a newspaper published in said Randolph.

FRANK W. HARRIS,
Constable.

STATE ELECTION.

RANDOLPH, November 8, 1904.

Pursuant to the preceding warrant, the voters of Randolph assembled in Stetson Hall on Tuesday, November 8, 1904.

The warrant and return were read by Winthrop B. Atherton, chairman of the Selectmen, and promptly at six

o'clock A. M. the polls were declared open for the reception of ballots.

The Town Clerk administered the oath of office to the following named election officers appointed by the Selectmen:

Thomas L. Stetson and Thomas J. Smith, Ballot Clerks. Daniel P. Lyons and William A. Croak, Deputy Ballot Clerks. Daniel D. Dennehy and Frank W. Harris, officers at gates. Henry F. Rooney, officer outside hall. Franklin W. Hayden, James J. Shea, Herman Shaw, Joseph D. Wales, Frank H. Jaquith, William F. Barrett, Samuel A. Foster, Jr., Edmund K. Belcher, Tellers.

The ballot box registered correctly throughout the day.

Ballots were removed as follows:

At 7.20 A. M., the register indicating 267 ballots cast.

At 8.45 A. M., the register indicating 427 ballots cast.

At 9.50 A. M., the register indicating 528 ballots cast.

At 10.40 A. M., the register indicating 617 ballots cast.

At 12.40 P. M., the register indicating 758 ballots cast.

At 1.30 P. M., the register indicating 832 ballots cast.

At two o'clock it was voted to close the polls.

The presiding officer counted out 871 ballots. The ballot box registered 871, and each check list showed 871 names checked.

The result of the ballot follows:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Pledged for Corrigan and Cox	.	.	2
Pledged for Debs and Hanford	.	.	24
Pledged for Parker and Davis	.	.	404
Pledged for Roosevelt and Fairbanks	.	.	349
Pledged for Swallow and Carroll	.	.	4
Pledged for Watson and Tibbles	.	.	0
Blanks	.	.	88
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FOR GOVERNOR.

John Quincy Adams	18
John L. Bates	262
Michael T. Berry	0
Oliver W. Cobb	3
William L. Douglas	553
Blanks	35

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FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Olof Bokelund	21
John C. Crosby	457
Frank P. Dyer	4
Curtis Guild, Jr.	282
Moritz E. Ruther	2
Blanks	105

 871

FOR SECRETARY.

James Bresnahan	11
Fannie J. Clary	8
Charles C. Hitchcock	17
Henry B. Little	384
William M. Olin	302
Blanks	149

 871

FOR TREASURER.

Hubert C. Bartlett	24
Arthur W. Chapin	290
Edmund D. Codman	384
Andrew Mortensen	5
Willard O. Wylie	4
Blanks	164

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FOR AUDITOR.

Charles E. Burnham	7
Walter J. Hoar	5
Charles Stevens	24
Francis X. Tetrault	365
Henry E. Turner	297
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FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Henry M. Dean	8
John P. Leahy	388
Herbert Parker	307
John Weaver Sherman	24
Thomas Stevenson	3
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FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Augustus Hemenway	397
George Elmer Littlefield	26
John W. Weeks	314
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FOR COUNCILLOR, SECOND DISTRICT.

Frederick S. Hall	289
Irvin M. Newcomb	27
Benjamin F. Tilley	364
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• FOR SENATOR.

Frank R. Farrell	373
Edward B. Nevin	295
William M. Packard	33
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FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL COURT, SEVENTH
NORFOLK.

Louis E. Flye	311
Frederick W. Whitcomb	499
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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Arthur Clark	362
Daniel H. Coleman	34
Sumner H. Foster	295
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FOR ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS.

Albert G. Coffin	48
John Everett	416
John J. Gallagher	63
Lewis R. Whitaker	258
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FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Asa P. French	570
John McCarty	110
William J. Coughlin	1
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FOR SHERIFF.

Samuel H. Capen	572
Peter M. Carlson	68
James M. Richardson	1
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Declaration of the result was made at 2.57 o'clock P. M., after which the ballots, unused ballots and both check lists were sealed up in open town meeting, returns made to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and at 4.10 P. M. it was —
Voted, to dissolve the meeting.

A true record.

Attest: JOSEPH T. LEAHY, *Town Clerk.*

MEETING OF TOWN CLERKS.

RANDOLPH, November 18, 1904.

We, the undersigned, Town Clerks of Avon, Holbrook and Randolph, comprising Representative district number seven in the County of Norfolk, hereby certify that at an election duly held at the respective towns aforesaid on the eighth day of November, 1904, to vote for one Representative, the following votes were given, viz.:

	A.	H.	R.	Total.
Louis E. Flye of Holbrook	195	338	311	844
Frederick W. Whitcomb of Holbrook, 189	224	499	912	
Blanks	48	31	61	140
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Total of each town and the district,	432	593	871	1896

Frederick W. Whitcomb was declared elected and certificates were signed to that effect.

JOHN J. COLLINS, *Town Clerk of Avon.*

LOUIS E. FLYE, *Town Clerk of Holbrook.*

JOSEPH T. LEAHY, *Town Clerk of Randolph.*

BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

The following By-Laws were adopted at the annual town meeting of the inhabitants of Randolph held April 3, 1882, and were approved by Justice Waldo Colburn of the Superior Court at Dedham, July 8, 1882.

“I. No person except the Selectmen, the Surveyors of Highways in the lawful performance of their duties, or those acting under their orders, shall break or dig up the ground in any street or public way in the town without first obtaining a written permit from the Selectmen; and all persons acting under such permit shall put up and maintain a suitable railing or fence around the part of the street so broken up, so long as the same shall remain unsafe or inconvenient for travelers, and he or they shall keep one or more lighted lanterns fixed to such railing or fence, or in some other way, exposed every night from twilight in the evening through the whole night, so long as such street or way shall be or remain unsafe or inconvenient for travelers.

“II. No building shall be removed over a public street or way without written permission from the Selectmen; and the Selectmen, before granting permission to move a building, shall ascertain if the proposed removal can be made without injury or destruction to trees, shrubs, or other fixture of ornament or utility, belonging to the public or to individuals; and they may require the applicant to furnish satisfactory security to indemnify the town, or any individuals whose right may be affected, for any damage caused by said removal.

“III. No person shall make any indecent figures or write any indecent or obscene words upon any wall, post or building, or in any public place.

“IV. No person shall ride, drive, or suffer a horse under

his control to go at an immoderate or unreasonable rate, in any street or public place within the town, so as thereby to endanger the life, safety, or convenience of any person properly using any street or public place aforesaid.

“V. No person shall maliciously deface, remove, or destroy any bill, notice or advertisement concerning public affairs, unless the same shall be affixed to premises owned by him, or under his control; nor shall any person remove or deface any notice, advertisement, or handbill which has been posted up by permission of the Selectmen, or of the owners of the property to which the same shall be affixed.

“VI. No person shall be allowed to pasture, or suffer to run at large, any horse, cattle, or other grazing animal, upon any of the streets or public places in the town, either with or without a keeper, except within the limits of such street adjoining his own premises, and in such manner as not to interfere with the rights of the public therein.

“VII. No person shall coast with a sled or runners, kick football, or play at any game in which a ball of any kind is used, or throw any stones or shoot with or use a bow and arrow in any of the public streets of the town.

“VIII. No person shall set fire to, or cause to burn or explode, any fire-works, India crackers, torpedoes, or other explosive articles, or discharge any firearms or cannon in any public street or way, or near to any vehicle passing thereon, or to any dwelling-house not owned or occupied by himself, except in the performance of some legal duty.

“IX. No person except those having the care of the highways shall at any time set fire to any bushes, leaves, grass or other combustible substance in any of the streets of the town; nor near to any fence or building not owned or occupied by himself.

“X. No person shall swim or bathe in any of the waters within or surrounding the town, so as to be exposed to view

in a nude state from any dwelling-house, or to persons on any public way.

“XI. No person shall behave in a rude or disorderly manner, or use any profane, indecent, or insulting language, in any public street or place in the town, nor near any dwelling-house or other building therein; nor shall three or more persons continue to stand in a group, or near each other on any sidewalk, or in any public place so as to obstruct a free passage for foot passengers, after having been requested by a constable or police officer to move on; nor shall any person by any noise, gesture, or other means, wantonly and designedly frighten or start any horse in any street or public place in the town.

“XII. No person shall obstruct the free and convenient use for travel of any public street, sidewalk or footpath by leaving or fastening a horse or carriage so that the way will be obstructed or rendered inconvenient, or by occupying the same with vehicles, wares or merchandise.

“XIII. No person shall deposit in or upon any public street, place or sidewalk in the town any stones, dirt, ashes, shavings or rubbish of any kind without permission from the Selectmen.

“XIV. The Selectmen shall appoint three or more police officers, pursuant to Public Statutes, Chap. 27, Sec. 85, who, in addition to their other duties required by the laws of the Commonwealth, shall make complaints and carry into execution any judgments for violations of these by-laws. The compensation of such police officers shall be fixed by the Selectmen.

“XV. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the foregoing sections of this article, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence a sum not less than one dollar nor more than twenty dollars; and all money so recovered shall be paid into the treasury of the town.”

TRUANCY BY-LAWS.

RANDOLPH, April 23, 1879.

At the annual town meeting of Randolph, held the seventh of April, 1879, the following By-Laws concerning habitual truants, etc., were adopted by the town :

Art. 1. The town of Randolph hereby avails itself of the several provisions of the Statutes of this Commonwealth now in force, relating to habitual truants and absentees from school, and in pursuance of authority conferred thereby, adopts the following By-Laws :

Art. 2. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, residing in said town, and who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to the Plummer Farm School, at Salem, for confinement, instruction and discipline.

Art. 3. Two or more truant officers shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all the violations of the truant laws, and of the law relating to compulsory education, and to do all the acts required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth.

Art. 4. It shall be the duty of every truant officer, previously to making any complaint under the laws, to notify the truant or absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed and of the penalty therefor, and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may, at his discretion, forbear to prosecute so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of the School Committee, the teachers of the public schools and the citizens generally to aid the truant officers as far as possible to the discharge of their duties.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a full record of all their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the School Committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

Art. 7. Nothing in these By-Laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

PROBATE COURT, SS.

APRIL 23, 1879.

The foregoing By-Laws of the Town of Randolph are hereby approved.

GEORGE WHITE, *Judge of the Probate Court.*

Received, entered and recorded with Norfolk County Probate Records, Book 141.

JOHN D. COBB, *Assistant Registrar.*

APPOINTMENTS RECORDED IN 1904.

Sealer of Weights and Measures : Dexter T. Clark.

Inspector of Animals : Lincoln Stetson.

Superintendent of Almshouse : Timothy M. O'Leary.

Surveyor of Wood and Bark : Michael E. Leahy.

Public Weighers : Michael E. Leahy, Benj. F. Hayden.

Special Police, with pay : John Haney.

Special Police, without pay : Frank H. Jaquith, Thomas J. Kenney, Thomas B. Kelly, John P. Dillon, John P. Rooney, Edgar B. Makepeace, James B. Clark, Thomas B. Jones, E. Lawrence Payne, Thomas J. Kiernan, Rufus E. Mann, Michael Stanton.

Keeper of Lockup : Arthur W. Alden.

Jurors drawn in 1904 — Grand juror : Hiram Snow.
Traverse jurors : George Melvin Clark, George A. Elliott, Frank H. Tileston, Patrick H. McLaughlin, Martin V. B. Howard, Redmond Barrett, Frank E. Stetson, Robert Huke, Maurice E. Scanlan.

TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS

OF THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR 1904.

The number of intentions of marriage, marriages, births and deaths recorded during the year 1904 was as follows :

MONTHS.	Intentions of Marriage.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.
January	3	3	4	8
February	1	1	6	8
March	1	1	10	7
April	1	1	11	10
May	0	1	6	3
June	6	7	3	3
July	4	3	12	13
August	3	5	5	4
September	3	2	7	4
October	4	5	5	10
November	5	5	7	6
December	3	3	7	3
Totals	34	37	83	79

Whole number of births recorded	83
Males	41
Females	42
Parents, both native born	47
both foreign born	18
one native, one foreign	18
Whole number of deaths	79
Males	39
Females	40
Under five years of age	16
Between 5 and 10 years	0
10 and 20 years	1
20 and 30 years	7
30 and 40 years	9
40 and 50 years	4
50 and 60 years	8
60 and 70 years	13
70 and 80 years	13
80 and 90 years	6
Over 90 years	2
Whole number of intentions of marriage	34
Whole number of marriages	37
Couples both native born	29
both foreign born	2
one foreign, one native	6

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH IN 1904.

Date.	Names.	Residence.	Age.
Jan. 6	Michael Conley . . .	Randolph . . .	32
	Hannah E. Foley . . .	Randolph . . .	29
16	Lester M. Holbrook . . .	Randolph . . .	26
	May A. Stevens . . .	Randolph . . .	20
20	John J. Crowley . . .	Holbrook . . .	32
	Hannah B. Scanlon . . .	Randolph . . .	25
Feb. 22	George S. Schraut . . .	Randolph . . .	26
	Helen F. Walsh . . .	Weymouth . . .	22
Mar. 22	Edwin M. Stetson . . .	Randolph . . .	23
	Gertrude E. Billingham . . .	Randolph . . .	22
April 20	Michael J. Smith . . .	New York City . . .	27
	Nellie V. Pope . . .	Randolph . . .	27
May 16	Guy Gifford Butler . . .	Avon . . .	23
	Beulah M. Butler . . .	Avon . . .	23
June 8	George Austin Connell . . .	Stoughton . . .	23
	Katherine Bennison Sullivan . . .	Randolph . . .	21
12	Fred W. Eddy . . .	Randolph . . .	26
	Sadie A. Williams . . .	Goldenville, N. S. . .	23
15	John Moyle . . .	Sharon . . .	35
	Edith Luella Mann . . .	Randolph . . .	37
29	Rayman Tibbetts . . .	Randolph . . .	25
	Mabel Venie Taber . . .	Randolph . . .	22
29	William A. McConnell . . .	Haverhill . . .	31
	Ada G. McDonald . . .	Haverhill . . .	27
29	Frank N. French . . .	Randolph . . .	21
	Bertha E. Tucker . . .	Randolph . . .	22
30	James F. O'Reilly . . .	Randolph . . .	27
	Mary A. Sullivan . . .	Brockton . . .	23

Date.	Names.	Residence.	Age.
July	20 Frederick W. Dunbar . .	Avon . . .	21
	Florence S. Howard . .	Randolph . . .	22
	24 Samuel Robinson . .	Randolph . . .	22
	Rebecca Weismann . .	Randolph . . .	20
	27 Arthur V. Aldrich . .	Randolph . . .	22
	Ella Alberta Faunce . .	Randolph . . .	19
Aug.	6 Charles D. Wildes . .	Somerville . . .	25
	Amy Lillian Thompson . .	Randolph . . .	24
	10 James W. McGerigle . .	Randolph . . .	32
	Catharine McClellen . .	Randolph . . .	30
	13 Arthur S. Gibson . .	South Braintree . .	28
	Florence Arteiman . .	South Braintree . .	18
	16 Carl Ephraim Johnson . .	Randolph . . .	29
Sept.	Grace Etta Arnold . .	Randolph . . .	21
	21 John J. Pearson, Jr. . .	Boston . . .	29
	Sarah F. Sheridan . .	Randolph . . .	31
	7 Charles H. Mann . .	Randolph . . .	22
	Alma O. O'Neill . .	South Braintree . .	19
	9 Elmer B. Holbrook . .	Randolph . . .	25
Oct.	Lillian M. Sloane . .	Reading . . .	16
	5 Thomas F. Mahoney . .	Randolph . . .	29
	Margaret L. Maloney . .	Avon . . .	25
	5 John B. Duff . .	Randolph . . .	33
	Annie A. Crosby . .	Randolph . . .	34
	11 William P. Morrissey . .	South Boston . .	26
	Mary J. McLaughlin . .	Randolph . . .	26
	12 Forrest C. Coombs . .	Randolph . . .	34
	Jennie I. Aldrich . .	Randolph . . .	25
	27 Michael L. Dorey . .	East Bridgewater . .	44
Nov.	Mary J. Carroll . .	Randolph . . .	37
	—Hanley		
	17 William T. Ryan . .	Randolph . . .	21
	Hattie Cardinal . .	Randolph . . .	28
	—Rand		
	23 Lester Clark . .	Randolph . . .	22
	Lena H. Whiting . .	Stoughton . . .	24

Date.	Names.	Residence.	Age.
Nov. 24	Lincoln Stetson . . .	Randolph . . .	44
	Jennie May Adams —Robinson	Dorchester . . .	43
25	Patrick F. Clark . . .	Randolph . . .	31
	Julia A. Doherty . . .	Avon . . .	25
30	Charles C. Hutchinson . .	Milton . . .	46
	Lillian J. Sloan . . .	Randolph . . .	34
Dec. 2	Arthur G. Smith . . .	Stoughton . . .	22
	Mary J. Perry . . .	Randolph . . .	19
22	Arthur M. Beal . . .	Randolph . . .	24
	Maud L. Guild . . .	Stoughton . . .	19
26	Maurice Kiely . . .	Randolph . . .	42
	Ellen Teresa Drohan . .	Boston . . .	38

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH IN 1904.

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 1	Louise Jaquith	F.	Charles F. and Mary I.—Jaquith
4	Mary Dickey	F.	Charles C. and Margaret T.—McCarthy
20	Norman Keith	M.	Fred R. and Mary E.—Reardon
28	Elsie May Mann	F.	M. Frank and Julia A.—Delano
Feb. 7	Stillborn	M.	
12	Florence Irene Warburton	F.	Fred'k W. and Henrietta C.—Babbitt
22	Hannah Martin } twins	F.	Patrick and Mary—McPhelps'
22	Lillian Martin }	F.	
27	Stillborn	M.	
29	Jennie May Lynch	F.	James and Julia E.—Cahill
Mar. 4	Douglas Frier Wilber . .	M.	Herbert C. and Annie F.—Frier
8	Joseph Francis Boyle . .	M.	Michael F. and Nellie T.—Callahan
11	Norma Cozatti	F.	Giacoma and Angelina—Crasimo
12	Bertha Lincoln	F.	John and Eva—Watts
14	Walter David Trombley . .	M.	Joseph A. and Lillian—Deroche
22	Florence A. Norman . . .	F.	Edward N. and Eva J.—Hawes
28	Eldred G. Pulson	M.	William L. and Annie G.—Nightingale
28	Stillborn	M.	
30	Charlotte Hodges	F.	Nicholas R. and Mary F.—McGowan
30	Rose Josephine O'Keefe . .	F.	Bartholomew and Hannah—Ahearn
April 1	Stillborn	M.	
1	Wilfred Albert Leo Roy . .	M.	Alfonso and Mary—Sweeney
6	Anna E. McCarthy	F.	Henry F. and Bridget L.—Donahoe
6	Charles Frederick Stevens	M.	Walter F. and Bessie H.—Farnham
7	Peter Paslo Camelio . . .	M.	Erasmus and Maria—Valuite
9	Alice Jeannette Croud . .	F.	John S., Jr., and Annie—Finley
13	Helen Nolan	F.	John H. and Maud M.—Noel
14	Stillborn	M.	
19	Elizabeth Mulligan } . .	F.	Luke and Bridget—Harty
24		F.	
25	Mary Katherine Kenney . .	F.	Thomas J. and Eliza J.—McHugh
May 1	Ruth Isabelle Erench . . .	F.	Walter and Ella G.—Smith
2	Edward F. Manning	M.	John T. and Lizzie M.—Green
3	Myrtle Goeres	F.	Charles M. and Mary E.—Crowley
4	Francis Norton Belcher . .	M.	Frank W. and Una C.—Cole
7	Mary Frances Shepard . . .	F.	H. Joseph and Bridget L.—Marshall
22	Stillborn	F.	
June 9	Walter Kane	M.	Charles E. and Mary A.—Kennedy
20	Theodore Burr Marsh, 3d . .	M.	Theodore B., 2d, and Celia H.—Lovejoy
27	Charles Duncan Brown . . .	M.	Charles S., Jr., and Susan M.—Waters
July 2	Mary L. Moore	F.	John T. and Mary A.—Thoms

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
July 3	Stillborn	M.	
5	Lorenzo Olympio Sass . .	M.	Antonio L. and Conzetta—Simione
10	Reginald A. Gelinas . . .	M.	Alfred N. and Annie—Disauliners
14		F.	
15	Mary Madeline Brennan . .	F.	Dennis F. and Agnes—Branley
18	Florence B. Biganess . . .	F.	Charles H. and Maud—Kay
18	Mabel Peckham	F.	John L. and Mabel F.—Moody
22	James Franklin Taylor . . .	M.	James W. and Grace—Murray
22	Herbert E. Mann	M.	Ernest W. and Ethel P.—Paine
29	Ernest Samuel Seames . . .	M.	Samuel and Dora—Walker
31	Anna M. Shea	F.	John J. and Margaret R.—McGaughey
Aug. 15	Louise Truelson	F.	Charles and Katherine—McCartin
23	Patrick Edward O'Brien . .	M.	Patrick and Bridget—Green
26	Barbara Purcell	F.	Joseph F. and Teresa—Gillis
26	Elbridge Willis Jones . . .	M.	Elbridge and Mary A.—Mann
29	Robert Carleton Kiley . . .	M.	Thomas P. and Alice M.—Holbrook
Sept. 4	Peter Vito	M.	Ronsio and Domenita—Pupulo
16	Margaret Clark	F.	John E. and Catherine F.—Toomey
17	Marjorie Beal Furber . . .	F.	Edgar G. and Mabel E.—Beal
21	Frederick E. Crowley . . .	M.	David F. and Rose L.—Harpp
21		F.	
28	Frederick H. Briggs	M.	Joseph A. and Margaret—Suratt
29	Leslie Alden Claff	M.	Mark B. and Mary R. Hameson
Oct. 9	Francis Joseph Kelliher . .	M.	Joseph P. and Evelyn F.—Smith
16	Annie L. Williams	F.	Arthur L. and Annie—Killilea
17	Ray Gordon Spear	M.	W. Ray and Hattie M.—Fay
20	Illegitimate	F.	
28	Stillborn	M.	
Nov. 4	Marian Adelaide Powers . .	F.	John S. and Norah E.—Sweeney
4	Dorothy C. Fitzgibbon . . .	F.	Louis R. and M. Josephine—Kinsley
21	Gordon Edward Burrell . . .	M.	Edward F. and Gertrude B.—Johnson
23	Jeremiah Erisman	M.	Cornelius J. and Ellen Casey
23	Ellen Currie	F.	Hugh and Margaret A.—Troy
28	Wilfred McNeill	M.	John B. and Mary E.—McGaughey
30	Illegitimate	F.	
Dec. 8	Stillborn	F.	
9	George Augustus Sullivan . .	M.	George A. and Hanora A.—Coffey
12	Louise Hutchinson	F.	George S. and Hattie L.—Blanchard
16	Stillborn	M.	
17	Clyde White Tirrell	M.	Bertram C. and Beulah M.—Allen
24	Louis Almon Holt	M.	Albert J. and Florence I.—Putney
26	Helen May Holbrook	F.	Lester M. and May A.—Stevens

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH IN 1904.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.	Birthplace.
		Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 2	William White . . .	68	—	—	Chronic bronchitis . .	Ireland
3	Mary L. Jenkins . . .	82	4	7	Intestinal obstruction,	Holbrook
10	Margaret Louise Riley .	33	8	16	Nephritis	Randolph
12	Margaret Gaynor . . .	—	3	7	Meningitis	Randolph
21	Frederick C. Shepard,	31	4	17	Consumption	Randolph
24	Obadiah Jones	93	2	3	Old age	Randolph
25	Statira Payne	72	8	13	Heart disease	Buckfield, Me.
31	Rosella Patten	—	3	8	Infantile atrophy . . .	Randolph
Feb. 7	—	—	—	—	Stillborn	Randolph
11	John Flynn	70	—	—	Cerebral hemorrhage,	Ireland
13	James F. Roddan . . .	42	—	—	La grippe	Randolph
17	Eliza P. Howard . . .	74	4	15	Articular rheumatism,	Randolph
19	Ann O'Shay	60	—	—	Erysipelas	Ireland
27	—	—	—	—	Premature birth . . .	Randolph
27	Elizabeth Ann Dee . .	43	7	3	Uremic convulsions . .	St. John's N. F.
29	Mary Brown	84	—	—	Pneumonia	Ireland
Mar. 6	Rebecca Briggs	84	7	14	Influenza	Stoughton
7	Adelia Ann French . .	57	—	—	Heart failure	Randolph
8	Mary A. Hayden . . .	44	4	7	Pneumonia	Randolph
11	Thomas Halloran . . .	53	—	—	Cerebral hemorrhage,	Boston
14	Harriet L. French . . .	73	9	22	Carcinoma	Randolph
28	—	—	—	—	Stillborn	Randolph
31	John A. Sylvester . . .	77	10	25	La grippe	Randolph
Apr. 1	—	—	—	—	Stillborn	Randolph
2	Felix B. Curran	76	7	—	Influenza	New York City
6	John P. Brady	37	2	—	Tuberculosis	Randolph
6	Edwin A. Taber	71	10	12	Cerebral hemorrhage,	Randolph
11	Edith May Thompson,	21	4	29	Heart disease	Randolph
11	Patrick Hart	53	—	—	Anaemia	Boston
14	John H. Knight	43	—	—	Heart disease	Randolph
14	Alice J. Croud	—	—	5	Spina bifida	Randolph
27	James Thompson . . .	66	6	20	Cerebral hemorrhage,	Boston
30	Tony Barberri	53	—	—	Pneumonia	Italy
May 9	Henry Russell	65	1	—	Locomotor ataxia . . .	Stoughton
17	Minot Wales Baker . .	60	6	—	Apoplexy	Randolph
22	—	—	—	—	Stillborn	Randolph
June 13	Edward Quinn	64	—	—	Arterio sclerosis . . .	Randolph
18	Nellie Murray	39	—	—	Heart disease	Hopkinton
30	Anna Jeannette Roel . .	—	9	25	Meningitis	Norwich, Ct.
July 2	Michael DeNeill	81	8	10	Nephritis	Ireland
3	George Delaney	—	—	1	Premature birth . . .	Randolph
7	Harriet D. Makepeace,	79	2	12	Heart disease	Canton

Date.	Name.	Age.	Cause of Death.	Birthplace.
		Y. M. D.		
July 7	Elsie W. Larsen	— 7 2	Infantile atrophy	Randolph
9	Walter R. Bennett	28 11 23	Tuberculosis	Boston
11	Elizabeth T. O'Connell	58 — —	Jaundice	Randolph
14	Bridget Delaney	37 — —	Uraemia	Ireland
16	Mary C. Snow	75 3 9	Cancer	Lewiston, Me.
17	Joseph Donovan	67 6 —	Polyneuritis	Ireland
18	Eva Maud Morey	— 4 26	Cholera infantum	Boston
20	Rose J. Bunker	36 — —	Tuberculosis	Randolph
20	Joanna Anderson	92 — 7	Dysentery	Sweden
28	Mary Brennan	66 — —	Heart disease	Ireland
Aug. 6	Warren I. Shaw	29 2 17	Phthisis pulmonalis	Randolph
11	Alice Clark	74 — —	Ileo-colitis	Salem
12	Phoebe Derocha	67 — —	Colitis	Canada
15	Nathaniel Noyes	74 3 22	Endocarditis	Jay, Me.
Sept. 11	Rose Quinn	87 — —	Old age	Ireland
11	Mary Dee	21 — —	Pulmonary tuberculosis	Randolph
12	Minnie Eliza Taber	26 7 23	Typhoid fever	Andover
29	Michael Lagan	62 — —	Intestinal obstruction,	Ireland
Oct. 6	Frederick H. Briggs	— — 9	Hydrocephalus	Randolph
6	Francis Brady	10 2 29	Heart failure	Randolph
7	Rev. James A. Campbell	55 — —	Apoplexy	Boston
7	Andrew W. Norwood	29 — 5	Typhoid fever	Gagetown, N.B.
11	Sarah M. Bump	69 6 21	Diabetes	Braintree
11	Matilda H. Wood	64 5 6	Abdominal tumor	Brockton
20	Bernard H. Roddam	39 8 1	Hemorrhage	Randolph
23	Edward W. Grady	37 — —	Tuberculosis	Randolph
28	—	— — —	Stillborn	Randolph
29	Clara Taber Mann	20 10 —	Pulmonary tuberculosis	Randolph
Nov. 2	Emma D. Stetson	53 5 27	Cancer	Randolph
5	William Porter	73 2 6	Apoplexy	Stoughton
9	John Luke Manning	84 2 23	Cerebral hemorrhage,	Ireland.
10	Rose A. Boyle	35 — —	Heart disease	Randolph
25	Benjamin O. Pettee	75 3 3	Gangrene	Taunton
27	Ellen Buckley	60 — —	Pneumonia	Ireland
Dec. 6	—	— — 7	Spina bifida	Randolph
8	—	— — —	Stillborn	Randolph
29	Patrick F. Mahoney	50 10 19	Pneumonia	Randolph

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Bronchitis, articular rheumatism, erysipelas, anaemia, locomotor ataxia, jaundice, polyneuritis, cholera infantum, dysentery, hydrocephalus, diabetes, tumor, hemorrhage, gangrene	one each—14
Intestinal obstruction, nephritis, meningitis, consumption, old age, infantile atrophy, spina bifida, uraemia, colitis, typhoid fever	two each—20
Carcinoma, apoplexy	three each—6
La grippe	four—4
Cerebral hemorrhage, pneumonia	five each—10
Tuberculosis	six—6
Stillborn	eight—8
Heart disease	eleven—11
Total	79

INTERMENTS

AT RANDOLPH OF PERSONS DYING ELSEWHERE IN 1904.

Date.		Name.	Age.			Place of Death.
			Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.	1	Carberry Francis McKaig	29	7	—	Braintree
	5	John D. Regan	10	3	—	Boston
	12	William Henry Thayer	75	11	23	Hyde Park
	18	Jane B. Humphrey	60	—	—	Boston
	21	John J. Crawford	47	11	27	Boston
Feb.	30	Catharine Finnegan	60	—	—	Holbrook
	3	John Walsh	76	—	—	Somerville
	5	Elizabeth Curran	46	—	—	Boston
	21	Catharine Cain	65	5	9	Brockton
	22	Christopher Lunsman	72	5	26	Brockton
Mar.	2	Thomas E. Dunn	27	—	—	Boston
	2	Lizzie Estella Bradley	26	8	3	Boston
	15	Clara Jennie Spera	—	9	—	South Braintree
	19	Margaret O'Brien	70	—	—	Chicago, Illinois
	21	Margaret Russell	28	—	—	Holbrook
	22	Daniel Dillon	6	1	—	Boston
	23	Harold William Murphy	—	1	—	Braintree
	28	Parker R. Dexter	10	7	21	Boston
	31	Lyder M. D. Bartlett	51	11	—	Plaistow, N. H.
	31	Catherine J. Reardon	28	3	16	Holbrook
Apr.	1	Mary Virginia Tongere	22	—	—	Boston
	3	Michael Crowley	94	—	—	Boston
	4	William Taylor	53	4	5	Boston
	12	Eliza S. Willis	61	8	16	Cambridge
	17	Edward McCue	—	—	1	Brockton
May	24	Lottie Sullivan	26	—	—	Braintree
	16	Catharine Smith	58	—	—	Holbrook
	25	Dorothy E. Hollis	—	11	21	Boston
	30	James Danahy	79	—	—	Newport, R. I.
	3	Elizabeth Sheehan	56	—	—	Boston
June	4	Adelaide Guernsey	78	—	—	Westboro
	6	Julia Leary	70	—	—	Holbrook
	22	Stillborn	—	—	—	South Braintree
	11	Sara Hinkley Thayer	68	11	4	West Medford
	17	John Kiley	76	—	—	Providence, R. I.
Aug.	22	Elizabeth Kelleher	49	—	—	Holbrook
	12	Julia Lafand	1	6	—	South Braintree
	12	Terence Murphy	79	—	—	Weymouth
	17	David Otis	—	2	4	Braintree
	19	Lorenzo B. Kimball	59	11	10	Somerville
Sept.	7	Edward Sumner Thayer	20	11	24	Baltimore, Md.
	10	John S. Lynch	26	5	9	Winnipeg
	10	Ella Frances Hirsch	50	4	13	Brockton

Date.		Name.	Age.			Place of Death.
			Y.	M.	D.	
Sept.	13	Arthur G. Levangie . . .	—	4	23	Braintree
	15	Richard O'Connell . . .	69	—	—	Quincy
Oct.	4	Jane Devine . . .	65	—	—	Revere
	9	Elizabeth Helen Clark . . .	72	9	7	Boston
	27	Charles Howard Thayer . . .	59	—	—	Braintree
	29	John Crowley . . .	75	—	—	Holbrook
	31	Mary A. Graham . . .	42	—	—	Boston
Nov.	1	Josephine Meader . . .	64	6	25	Providence, R.I.
	12	John Francis Dignan . . .	3	9	11	Braintree
	13	John S. Abbott . . .	75	10	16	Canton
	14	Eliza Ann Howard . . .	70	2	3	Brockton
	19	Carlton A. Burrell . . .	16	6	29	Braintree
	19	Patrick H. Daly . . .	25	7	26	Holbrook
	22	William G. McMahon . . .	—	11	19	East Braintree
Dec.	6	Mary Nolan . . .	64	—	—	Cambridge
	20	Caleb Henry Hayden . . .	65	—	22	Boston
	22	Mabel O'Connell . . .	—	—	8	Quincy
	28	Thomas P. Toomey . . .	52	10	17	Stoughton
	31	Mary A. McGaughey . . .	48	—	—	Holbrook

Should any person discover an error in the preceding records, he will confer a favor by notifying the Town Clerk, that correction may be made.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice in compliance with Section 16, Chapter 29 of the Revised Laws, that he is prepared to furnish to parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor, blanks for returns as required by law.

JOSEPH T. LEAHY,
Town Clerk.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

TOWN OF RANDOLPH, MASS.

In Norfolk County.

On Taunton Division, Old Colony System, New York,
New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

Fifteen miles south of Boston, Mass.

Originally part of Braintree.

Incorporated March 9, 1793.

Certain estates in Braintree re-annexed June 22, 1811.

Bounds between Randolph and Abington established March
21, 1861.

Portion of Randolph established as Holbrook February
29, 1872.

Portion of Randolph annexed to Avon April 16, 1889.

Population, census of 1900, 3,993.

Registered voters, 1,016.

No license.

Principal industry, manufacture of shoes.

Valuation, \$1,690,000.

Tax rate, \$19.80.

Debt limit, \$50,700.

Floating debt, \$37,847.

Available before reaching debt limit, \$12,853.

Water system, act approved May 8, 1885.

Water first turned into mains from pumps January 9,
1888.

Total cost, \$158,000.

Present net water debt, \$80,920.02.

Became self-supporting in 1901.

Last payment to be made in 1926.

Turner Library presented to town March 31, 1875.

Stetson Hall building erected 1842.

Year of greatest town debt, 1869, \$88,718.50.

Least town debt (since 1861), 1888, \$3,487.73.

Electric street railways:

Old Colony Street Railway.

Trackage in Randolph, 7.455 miles.

Rate of excise tax, 2 per cent.

Bristol and Norfolk Street Railway.

Trackage in Randolph, 2.435 miles.

Rate of excise tax, 1 per cent.

Street lights installed 1893.

Number of miles of streets, $30\frac{1}{4}$.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Randolph :

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall, in said town, on Monday, the sixth day of March next, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all such town officers as are required by law to be chosen by ballot ; also on the same ballot to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?"

Art. 3. To choose all such town officers are not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

Art. 4. To hear the reports of the town officers, and act thereon.

Art. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, including the conveyance of pupils, and appropriate the same.

Art. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to erecting a high school building and purchasing land for the same, and raising and appropriating money therefor, in such a manner as shall be deemed expedient, as recommended by the school committee.

Art. 7. To raise money to defray the general town expenses for the current year, and appropriate the same.

Art. 8. To raise money for the repairs of highways and determine the manner of expending the same.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for lighting the streets by electricity.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to pay the insurance on the Town Treasurer's bond for the year 1905-1906, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 11. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money temporarily in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year, and fix the amount he is authorized to borrow.

Art. 12. To see what compensation the town will allow for the collection of taxes.

Art. 13. To see what action the town will take in relation to medical attendance on the poor, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 14. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce the laws, and raise and appropriate money for the payment of such officers.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay for the insurance on the Turner Free Library and building.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will raise and contribute to the sinking fund as required by law to meet the payments of the Randolph Water Loan.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for water for hydrants, street service, public buildings, drinking fountains and cemeteries.

Art. 18. To see what action the town will take in relation to the Fire Department, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 19. To see if the town will make appropriation for

the decoration of soldiers' graves under the direction of Capt. Horace Niles Post 110, G. A. R.

Art. 20. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to issue notes of the town to replace those now outstanding, the same to be refunded upon such terms as they deem most favorable to the town.

Art. 21. To see if the town will authorize the erection of billboards in various parts of the town and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to place additional lights on Allen street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 23. To see if the town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1905.

Art. 24. To see if the town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

Art. 25. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and published in the town report as required by law.

Art. 26. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the Selectmen to be the agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any manner interested as a party or otherwise, for the ensuing year, except so far as the same relates in any way to the water supply.

Art. 27. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the Water Commissioners to be the agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be interested as a party or otherwise, so far as the same in any man-

ner relates to the taking of the waters of Great Pond, or in the construction of the water works, either jointly or separately, as authorized under Chapter 217 of the Acts of 1885, and to employ counsel if necessary.

Art. 28. To see what action the town will take in relation to the pay of laborers employed by the town.

Art. 29. To see what action the town will take in relation to the care of clocks in the spires of the Congregational and First Baptist Churches, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to accept the by-laws as reported by the special committee appointed for that purpose.

Art. 31. To hear and act on the report of any committee, and choose any committee the town may think proper.

The polls will be opened at 6 o'clock A.M., and remain open four hours and such longer time as the voters may determine.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies hereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, and by publishing the same in the "Randolph Register and Holbrook News", a newspaper published at said Randolph.

Hereof fail not, but make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Randolph this fifteenth day of February A. D. one thousand nine hundred and five.

WINTHROP B. ATHERTON,
CHARLES H. THAYER,
JOHN E. McDONALD,

Selectmen of Randolph.

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